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Dutch Government Agrees To U. N. Proposal

PROVISIONAL DECISION FOR TALKS WITH REPUBLICANS

Canadian Formula On Indonesia Disappoints New Delhi

THE HAGUE, March 25 (P. T. I.-Reuter). The Dutch government has reached a provisional decision to agree to the United Nations Security Council proposal for fresh talks with Indonesian Republicans, according to usually reliable observers here today.

FORWARDED TO DUTCH DELEGATE

THIS PROVISIONAL DECISION HAS BEEN FORWARDED FOR COMMENT TO THE DUTCH DELEGATE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, DR. VAN ROYEN AND DR. LOUIS BEEL DUTCH COMMISSIONER IN INDONESIA.

PRELIMINARY TO RTC

Dr. Van Royen is prepared to act as Chairman of the Dutch Delegation to such talks, it was learned here. They would be preliminary to a Round Table Conference at The Hague to discuss an independent Indonesian Federation.

A final decision is expected on Monday.

U. N. COMMISSION MEETS.

BATAVIA, March 25. (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations Commission for Indonesia met to-day to consider the Security Council's latest instructions to-day and get the Dutch and the Indonesian Republicans together on two points:

Restoration of the Republican authority in Jogjakarta, and organisation of a Round Table Conference in The Hague to create an independent Indonesian Federation.

The Commission has also been asked to investigate the situation in Jogjakarta, which the Indonesian Republican representative to the Security Council, Dr. Lambertus N. Palar, alleged was being "destroyed" by the Dutch.

The Commission postponed a decision until to-morrow morning.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT CANADIAN FORMULA.

NEW DELHI, March 25. (A.P.I.): Official quarters here to-day expressed disappointment at the Canadian formula on Indonesia adopted by the Security Council on Wednesday night.

That the formula should have been approved by the Council was, they felt, hardly a reassuring augury for progress towards the solution of the Indonesian problem.

While the Security Council's resolution of January 28 attached no condition to the return of the Republican Government to Jogjakarta, the Canadian Formula required that the Dutch and the Republicans should be assisted by the U. N. Commission on Indonesia to reach agreement on this part of the Council's resolution. Official quarters here wondered how the return of the Government to its capital could be made conditional upon such agreement without prejudice to the republic.

If the Republican Government was not in a position to deal collectively and independently with the Dutch Government under the auspices of the United Nations regarding an overall settlement of the Indonesian dispute, official quarters felt that any decision that Republican leaders acting as individuals might reach would not command the confidence of Indonesian Nationalists.

These quarters were of the opinion that those, who considered that world peace could be secure without regard to what happened in South-east Asia might soon discover how "tragically" they have misjudged the situation.

"WEAKENING OF COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION."

Dr. A. A. Maramis, Foreign Minister in the Emergency Indonesian Republican Government, said here to-day that approval by the Security Council of the Canadian proposal of Indonesia meant "weakening" of the Council's resolution of January 28.

The Canadian proposal, he said, aimed at reaching of an "agreement" on the implementation of the Security Council resolution, particularly its first and second paragraphs calling for a "ceasefire" in Indonesia. It also asked the Netherlands Government to release all political prisoners unconditionally and afford facilities to the Republican Government to function effectively.

Pointing out that the "vague wording" of the Canadian proposal was its greatest danger, Dr. Maramis said that no agreement was needed for immediate release of political prisoners and restoration of the Republican Government in Jogjakarta. The Republican Government could never accept any agreements preceeding unconditional transfer of sovereignty, he added.

TWO INDONESIANS FOR U. N. ASSEMBLY.

THE HAGUE, March 25. (PTI-Reuter): Two Indonesians have been appointed as members of the Netherlands Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly meetings starting in New York on April 5 next.

They are:—Mr. Baden Abdul Kadir Wirdjojoatmodjo, former Deputy Lieutenant Governor-General in Indonesia and Mr. Kadarman, former Director of the Political Affairs Section of the Republican Home Affairs Ministry.

Mr. Wirdjojoatmodjo will act as Vice-Chairman of the delegation which will be led by Mr. J. M. W. Snouck Hurgronje, the permanent Netherlands representative to the United Nations.

INDIA CHARGES GREAT POWERS

LAKE SUCCESS, Mar. 25 (PTI-Reuter): India has accused the great powers of retarding the economic progress of under-developed countries by policies which required expenditures on armaments and other war measures.

Mr. V. K. R. V. Rao, of India, made the accusation when addressing a United Nations sub-Commission on economic development, which is studying plans for financing the development of industrially—backward countries. Mr. Rao said: "Investments in armaments and defence equipment have no economic return which are compatible with economic development and they merely contribute to maintaining national insecurity".

Dealing in broader terms with the general lines along which under-developed territories can grow, Mr. Rao said: "Regardless of the ideology, the sheer logic of events is going to drive an under-developed economy in one of two directions.

"Either there will be a compulsory system of savings—spread over the entire community, as is done in Yugoslavia—or there will be developed a rigid moneyed class which in turn means the supression of radical and liberal ideals.

"Is it possible for a country such as India, which depends for its development largely on its own resources, to develop in any way other than a Socialist economy?

Mr. Rao emphasised that he posed this problem purely theoretically. He did not wish to express agreement with one opinion or other.

ARMS RECOVERED FROM RIVER BED

NEW DELHI, March 25, (API): With the help of local Muslims, the Indian army has recovered from the bed of Saran river near Punch a large quantity of arms and ammunition. These included 6,500 rounds of small arms ammunition, 24 two-inch mortar bombs, 122 hand-grenades, one service rifle, 6 gun cotton slabs and one anti-tank mine hidden by the enemy before retreating from this area early in December.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF INDIAN STANDARD INSTITUTION

The Hon'ble Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, Government of India, presided at the meeting of the General Council of the Indian Standard Institution held at New Delhi on March 24. The Council elected Dr. Krishnan and Dr. Jariwala to be Vice-Presidents for the next year. Picture shows (left to right) Nawab Zain Yar Jung; Dr. J. C. Ghosh, Director General, Industry and Supply; Dr. K. S. Krishnan, I.S.I.; Mr. Bhatia; Mr. M. P. Pai; Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Supply and Mr. A. K. Roy, Joint Secretary (Finance).

Soviet Closes Down Consular Offices In Persia

WASHINGTON, March 25. (PTI-Reuter): The Soviet Government is closing down its three consular offices in Persia, it was learned authoritatively today.

Press censorship is understood to have prevented the news of this leaving Persia.

According to diplomatic dispatches, the Russians are already moving out their belongings from the consulates at Tabriz, Meshed and Ahwaz. These reports do not make it clear whether this constitutes a formal closing of the consulates similar to that carried out by Soviet authorities in the United States last year after the dispute over the repatriation of a Soviet school teacher in New York.

Should the Soviets complete the formal closing down of their consular representation in Persia, they will, it is expected in diplomatic circles here, ask the Persian Government to close down the only Persian consulate in the Soviet Union at Baku. The Soviet move is linked here with two trends in recent policy.

BRITISH AND U. S. PRESSURE ON PERSIA

Firstly, there is the continued pressure on Persia and its association with Britain and the United States. The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, this week condemned this pressure. Both the United States and Britain have declared in the last few days their deep interest in the security of Persia.

Secondly, there is the overall Soviet policy of reducing foreign missions in the Soviet Union. This is usually connected here with Soviet suspicions that such missions are used for espionage activities.

The impression here is that the Persian Government will not be sorry to see the Soviet consular staff leave Persia. It seems clear, however, that the Soviet Government have taken the initiative on this occasion.

CASEY'S WARNING TO AUSSIES

MELBOURNE, March 25. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Mr. Richard G. Casey, Federal President of the Australian Liberal Party and former Governor of Bengal, issued a warning here today that harsh handling of Australia's immigration policy could force India to take a firm stand on behalf of the Asiatic peoples.

He said that the "provocative harshness" shown in several small unimportant cases recently had not passed unnoticed in India and other countries on the Asiatic mainland.

"The vast majority of Australians want to maintain essentials of our traditional immigration policy", he declared. This could be done "without provocation and without pinpricks".

FUTURE OF BHOPAL

Menon's Conference With Nawab

BHOPAL, March 25, (A.P.I.): Mr. V. P. Menon, Political Adviser to the State Ministry arrived this morning from Jaipur and went immediately into conference with His Highness, the Nawab of Bhopal.

It is expected today's conference will mark the final stages of the negotiations on the future of Bhopal.

Announcement Expected By Middle Of April

BHOPAL, March 25, (A.P.I.): The Government of India announcement on the future of Bhopal will be made by about the middle of April, said Mr. V. P. Menon, Adviser to the States Ministry.

Mr. Menon, who arrived here earlier today had a six-hour talk with the Nawab of Bhopal.

"My talk with the Nawab has concluded most satisfactorily and settlement has been reached on all points", he added.

Mr. Menon is due to leave for New Delhi early tomorrow.

All India Art Conference

BOMBAY, March 25, (A.P.I.): The fourth All-India Art Conference will be held in Bombay in December this year, it was announced today. Invitations have been sent to all member institutions of the All-India Association of Fine Arts.

Dr. Naicker Refused Passport To Visit New York

DADOO LIKELY TO RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA WITHOUT PERMIT

DURBAN, MARCH 25 (PTI-REUTER): DR. G. M. NAICKER, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CONGRESS HAS BEEN REFUSED A PASSPORT TO ATTEND THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC WORLD PEACE RALLY IN NEW YORK, WHICH OPENS TODAY.

The South African Government refused to give Dr. Naicker a passport last October when he was due to visit France as a delegate of the Joint Council of the Transvaal and Natal Indian Congress.

The refusal precludes Dr. Naicker from being present when the complaint against South Africa's treatment of Indians in the Union is discussed by the United Nations.

NEWSPAPER'S TIP TO DADOO

JOHANNESBURG, Mar. 25 (PTI-Reuter): The nationalist "Daily Die" Transvaler today reported that it understood that Dr. Y. Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress now in London, would not "be helped with a passport to facilitate his return to the Union".

The newspaper expected that the attitude of the South Africa authorities would be that in view of Doctor Dadoo's leaving the Union without a passport. He should "also try to return without one".

Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the Natal Indian Congress, said in Durban today that Dr. Dadoo would return to South Africa if he was unable to get a visa to America.

"PUBLIC SERVANTS MUST BE LOYAL"

NEW DELHI, March 25 (A.P.I.): Rules designed to safeguard national security by ensuring the reliability of Government employees and their loyalty to the State have been published in the Gazette of India issued today (March 26). They give power to the Central Government to require a Government employee to retire from service if he is engaged in or associated with subversive activities in such a manner as to raise "doubts about his reliability".

These rules, which are called "the Civil Service (Safeguarding of National Security) Rules, 1949", provide that a person so retired will get such compensation pension, gratuity or provident fund benefits as would have been admissible to him if he had been discharged from service.

The Federal Public Service Commission will not be consulted in respect of any order passed under these rules.

MRS. PANDIT FOR DELHI

MOSCOW, March 25. (PTI-Reuter): Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador in Moscow, whose appointment as Ambassador to the United States was announced in New Delhi yesterday, will leave Moscow on April 1, it was learned here today.

She will first fly to Stockholm. From there she will go to New Delhi, where she is expected to arrive on April 4, by way of London and Bombay.

Mrs. Pandit hopes to pay a farewell call on Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky before her departure.

The first secretary at the Indian Embassy, Mr. T. N. Kaul, who is going home on leave, will accompany her.

CITY DRIVE FOR COLLECTIONS FOR GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

BOMBAY, Friday.

A strong organisation to effect an all-out vigorous effort embracing the entire city towards the drive for collections for the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund has been formed by the B.P.C.C. in collaboration with the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund Committee The BPCC will direct its efforts through a network of volunteers working under the guidance of the District Congress Committees, Taluka Congress Committees, and the Panchayats The volunteers will tap every door during the week known as "Have I done my Duty week" commencing from April 6.

All Associations and Institutions who have been left out so far, are also being approached to give in their contributions. The Committee is also approaching local cinema houses with a view to getting in a whole day's proceeds for the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund. Sunday, April 10, is tentatively fixed for this purpose.

STUDENTS' COMMITTEE FOR COLLECTIONS

A meeting of about 20 principals and headmasters of secondary schools and high schools in Bombay was held at New Era School this evening to discuss the ways and means of organising a campaign among students to intensify the drive for Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund collections.

Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, who attended the meeting, addressed them and said that they should all join to make all efforts for collections through band of students going round the city.

The meeting was also attended by Mr. Purushottam Thakkar, General Secretary of the BPCC, Mr. P. K. Savant, Joint Secretary of the Bombay Committee of the All-India Gandhi Memorial Fund and Miss Kapila Khandwalla, Secretary of the Municipal Schools Committee.

A Committee was set up at the meeting with Mr. M. T. Vyas, Principal of New Era School as the Chairman, to devise ways and means to organise the campaign among students for the collections to the Fund.

102 ARRESTS IN CITY

BOMBAY, March 25, (API): The newly formed "anti-terrorist squad" of the special branch of the Bombay CID, continuing its campaign against "dangerous elements" active in north Bombay, has arrested during the last 24 hours another 12 persons. All the arrested persons have been detained under the Bombay Public Security measures Act.

The police said to-day that the exact number of arrests made by the squad so far was 102 including seven members of the Revolutionary Communist Party of India.

"REDS" KILL 3 VILLAGERS ON NALGONDA BORDER

HYDERABAD, March 25 (API): Three villagers were put to death by an armed-Communist band in a village in Dangerpalli on the border to lage in Dangerpalli on the border of Nalgonda District on March 22, according to information received here.

Mr. Konda Venkat Ranga Reddy, Member of the State Congress Working Committee, has proceeded to the scene to make enquiries.

479 TERRORISTS KILLED IN MALAYA

SINGAPORE, March 25 (PTI-Reuter): Security forces killed 479 "terrorists" up to the end of February—eight months after the declaration of a state of emergency—an official announcement said in Kaula Lumpur today.

The dead included 462 Chinese and two Indians.

Security forces captured 353 terrorists of whom 67 were wounded, the announcement said.

In the same period, Terrorists killed 362 civilians, who included 348 Chinese, 27 Europeans and 18 Indians. In addition, 130 police were killed and 145 wounded.

A European police sergeant was killed and another seriously wounded in a clash with Terrorists near Ipoh, Malaya, today. They were members of a combined police and military party which approached what was afterwards discovered to be a Terrorist camp.

VIGILANCE ON INDO-BURMA FRONT

Two Arrivals From Myitkyina Arrested And Truck Confiscated

MARGHERITA (Assam) March 24, (A.P.I.): Additional military pickets have been posted at strategic points and police vigilance intensified on the Indo-Burma frontier in view of the present troubled situation in North Burma it is learnt here.

Special watch is kept along the Stillwell Road, which connects Burma with Assam.

Two persons, stated to be employees of an Indian business concern in Burma, who were coming in a truck along the Stillwell Road from Myitkyina were arrested on the Indian border and their truck confiscated.

GOVERNMENT FORCES' SUCCESSFUL DRIVE

RANGOON, March 25, (PTI-Reuter): Government troops advancing northward from Amarapura are now within four miles of Karen-held Mandalay, an official report reaching here said today.

The report said Burma Air Force planes were giving protective cover to the land forces.

Burma Air Force planes today scored direct hits on two trains full of rebel troops at Toungoo, insurgent Karen headquarters in Central Burma, it was officially announced tonight.

A 'communique' stated that planes bombed railway yards and locomotive sheds in the town which was captured by the Karens on January 27.

S. AFRICA AND ATLANTIC PACT

CAPETOWN, March 25, (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister when asked in the Union Assembly today why the Government had not joined the Atlantic pact, said "we are waiting for an invitation".

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(1) FOUR SUPERVISORS.—PAY: Rs. 250-440. AGE: Not more than 35 years on 1-7-1949. QUALIFICATIONS: (a) Degree of any recognised university, preferably in Science or in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering; (b) three years' practical experience in the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles in well established Automobile Engineering Works or in Military Workshop; and (c) motor driving licence for two years.

(2) TEN INSPECTORS.—(Five posts reserved for war service candidates if available). PAY: Rs. 200-300. AGE: Not more than 30 years on 1-7-1949. QUALIFICATIONS: (a) Matriculation or any other equivalent examination; (b) diploma in Automobile Engineering from a college or institute recognised by Government for this purpose and three years' further experience in the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles in well established Automobile Engineering Works or in Military Workshops OR four years' apprenticeship as Mechanical Engineer in Automobile Engineering Works recognised by Government with certificate of efficiency in the theory, design, fitting and repairing of automobiles; and (c) motor driving licence of at least two years' standing.

(3) TWENTY-NINE POSTS OF ASSISTANT INSPECTORS (six posts reserved for war service candidates if available): PAY: Rs. 150-220. AGE: Not less than 21 and not more than 26 years on 1-7-1949, relaxable in the case of candidates with good practical experience. QUALIFICATIONS: (a) Good general education, preferably Matriculation or the School Leaving Certificate examination; (b) diploma of membership or associate membership of any college or institute of Automobile Engineering recognised by Government for this purpose (this may be relaxed in the case of candidates with good practical experience); (c) two years' practical experience in the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles in a well established Automobile Engineering Works or in Military Workshops; and (d) motor driving licence of at least two years' standing. In addition, candidates for all the posts should have a good physique with height not less than 5'4" and minimum chest 31" deflated, good vision with or without glasses and should not be colour blind. For all the posts, cost of living allowance will be admissible. Application form supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope with 3 1/2 annas postage stamps and CROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission, Bombay," who will also supply full details on request.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE
JOINT (G. I. P., M. S. M. & B. B. & C. I. RAILWAYS) PURCHASING BOARD.

ON BEHALF of the Joint Purchasing Board, the Deputy General Manager (Grainshops), G. I. P. Railway, Bombay, invites sealed tenders for the supply of the following commodities to the Railway's Godowns situated in the Bombay Presidency:

QUANTITIES REQUIRED IN BENGAL MDS.

G. I. P. RAILWAY			B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY				M. & S. M. RAILWAY			
Godown	Turdal	Groundnut Oil.	Grainshop Godown	Turdal	Moongdal	Til-Oil	G. Nut Oil	Grainshop Godown	Turdal	Moongdal	Kardi-Oil
Wadi Bandar	1500	800	Bombay Central Godown	700	—	700	—	Hubli Depot	1150	575	300
Thana	250	150	Ahmedabad	500	300	—	500	Hubli			
Kalyan	700	450	Anand	100	—	—	100	Grainshop I	—	—	200
Lonavla	200	—	Viramgam	50	—	—	100	Grainshop II	—	—	230
Dehu Road	100	—	Godra	200	—	—	100	Miraj			
Poona	250	—	Bulsar	400	100	—	250	Grainshop	—	—	90
Ahmednagar	150	—	Surat	180	—	—	150	Gadag			
Dhond	350	—	Broach	180	—	—	150	Grainshop	—	—	60
Sholapur	280	150	Nandurbar	80	—	—	50				
Bhusaval	1250	800									
Manmad	500	—									
Igatpuri	300	—									

Each set of tender documents will include the requirements of one Railway only and may be obtained from the office of the Dy. General Manager 'Grainshops', G. I. P. Railway, Bombay.

Tenders should bear the following superscription on the cover:

"Tender No. JT/PB/T".

Tenders should be sent by post to or deposited at the office of the Dy. General Manager, 'Grainshops', G. I. P. Railway, Bombay to reach that office not later than 15 hrs. on 4-4-1949. 3798

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

THE FOLLOWING will be the places for the Intermediate Arts, Science, Commerce, B.Com. and Veterinary Examinations at the BOMBAY and DADAR Centres:—

1949.

BOMBAY CENTRE.

Inter. Arts (Old & New)

Elphinstone College.	Nos:— 1-940; 4817; 4819-4820 (New)
Siddharth College.	Nos:— 941-1092 (New) & 3464-3784; 4818; 4821; 4823 & 4824 (Old)

Inter. Science

St. Xavier's College	Nos:— 1-844
Convocation Hall (University Gardens)	845-1067 & 3142.

Inter. Commerce.

Wilson College	Nos:— 1-520
Government Law College	Nos:— 521-874.

B.Com.

Sydenham College	Nos:— 1-425
Sukhadwala Building	Nos:— 426-587

F.Sc. (Vet). S.Sc. (Vet.). T.Sc. (Vet.) & B.Sc. (Vet)

Sukhadwala Building: All candidates.

DADAR CENTRE.

Intermediate Arts: (Old & New)

Ramnarain Ruia College: Nos — 1093-1943 (New) 3785-3833 (Old)

R. A. Podar College of Commerce Nos:— 3834-4110 (Old)

Intermediate Science

R. A. Podar Commerce College Nos:— 1068-1530

Khalsa College:— Nos. 1531-1980

V. J. Technical Institute Nos. 1981-2312

Bombay, 22nd March, 1949. S. R. DONGERKERY, University Registrar. 3820

G.I.P RLY—TENDERS
DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STOCKS

TENDERS ARE INVITED by the Dy. General Manager (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T., from intending Purchasers on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 31-3-1949 for the purchase of following consumable commodities rendered surplus to the Railway's requirements.

Commodity	Approximate Quantity
Jaggery	500 Maunds.
Agmark Ghee	125 "
Watana White.	700 "
Watana Black.	300 "
Chowli.	1750 "
Dhania	6 "
Haldi.	10 "
Army Garments.	8000 Nos.
Blankets.	12 "
Moong whole.	250 Maunds.
Oorid whole	30 "
Hamam Soaps.	769 cases of 1 gross each 141 cases of 2 gross each.

The stocks are lying at the Railway's Central Godown at 'D' shed Rayon Grain Market Masjid and can be inspected at site by intending Purchasers on any working day between 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A sum of Rs. 250/- in cash must be deposited as Earnest money with the Chief Cashier G.I.P. Railway V.T. Bombay or with any GIP Railway Station Master and the money receipt obtained must be enclosed in original with the tender.

Tender documents governing conditions of sale can be obtained free of charge from the Office of the Assistant Controller Grainshops, GIP Railway, Bombay V.T. 3825

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY
RULES REGARDING ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION OF GOODS, ALLOTMENT, SUPPLY AND LOADING OF WAGONS.

ON AND FROM 1ST APRIL 1949 applicants for wagons will be required to pay a registration fee of Rs. 35/- per wagon at all Goods Depots in the Bombay Area.

The registration fee is to be deposited in advance for the allotment of wagons irrespective of whether the consignment is booked subsequently paid or to pay i.e. the registration fee is always to be pre-paid.

When the goods for which the wagons are required are actually booked, the registration fee will be refunded under receipt, but is subject to forfeiture if the goods are not ready for despatch or if the allotment made is not taken up.

These rules do not apply to Military and Government consignments.

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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY
SCHOOL FOR TRAINING OF LABOUR WELFARE WORKERS.

The Short Term Course (duration three months) of this School will commence working with effect from 18th April, 1949. The School is located in the Gymnasium Building of the Labour Welfare Centre, Naigaum, Dadar, Bombay, 14. The object of the School is to give theoretical and practical training to persons aspiring to be social workers of labour leaders, labour welfare officers or personnel officers in factories.

Certificates of proficiency will be given to the candidates declared successful by a special Board of Examiners, in the examination to be held at the conclusion of the term.

The fee for the short-term is Rs. 25/- to be paid in one instalment in advance in cash only. Minimum qualification for admission to the course is a "pass" in the Intermediate Arts, Science or Commerce.

The last date for receiving applications is 6th April, 1949. Application forms can be had on payment of Re. 1/- in cash, from this office.

As only a limited number of persons is to be admitted to the Course, candidates desirous of joining it are requested to send in applications immediately.

PRINCIPAL.

Office:
School for Training of Labour Welfare Workers, Gymnasium Bldg., Govt. Labour Welfare Centre, Naigaum, Dadar, Bombay No. 14.

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BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED BEFORE 10-4-1949 from persons domiciled in the Province of Bombay and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan for a temporary post of a CLERK in the office of the Bombay Public Service Commission. PAY: Rs. 75-220, PLUS dearness allowance as admissible under the rules. QUALIFICATIONS: Matriculation or equivalent examination. Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission, P.W.D. Secretariat, Bombay, and should give full particulars under the following heads; viz., (1) full name, (2) date of birth, (3) province of domicile, (4) caste, (5) educational qualification, including percentage of marks obtained at the Matriculation or equivalent examination in (a) the total and (b) English, (6) experience. Copies of certificates (including Matriculation certificate and certificate of character) should be attached to the application. 3833

HEAVY EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT

BLACKWOOD HODGE (INDIA) LTD., are the exclusive distributors for the whole of India for FUCLID Bottom and Rear Dump Wagons, EUCLID Loaders, CUMMINS DIESEL ENGINES, MARION EXCAVATORS PARMANCO DRILLS and other HEAVY EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT. Please send your enquiries to BLACKWOOD HODGE (INDIA) LTD., P. O. Box 8954 Calcutta

G.I.P. RAILWAY
AUCTION SALE NOTICE

The DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V. T. will sell by Public Auction at Byculla Shed at 12 hours on 31-3-49, empties, Grainshop Commodities condemned or otherwise as mentioned below. Conditions governing the auction sale and other particulars if required can be had from the office of the Asstt. Controller, Grainshop, Bombay, upto 12 hrs. on 30-3-49.

Particulars of Grainshop stocks to be auctioned and quantities.

E. Gunny bags I	18000 Nos.*
E. Gunny bags II	14000 "
E. Gunny bags III	2000 "
E. G. Bags (Veg.)	300 "
E. G. Bags W. flour	1400 "
E. Bags W. flour (cloth)	30 "
Jaggery Wrappers	3600 "
E. Spices drums	13 "
E. Water Carrier Tins	32 "
E. Pure ghee tins	550 "
E. Veg. ghee tins	1130 "
E. Veg. ghee tins (small 5 lbs)	16 "
E. K. oil cans	149 @
E. Lipton cases I	240 "
E. Lipton cases III	265 "
E. B. B. Tea cases	280 "
E. Dehydrated Potatoes cases	3 "
E. Hamam cases	350 "
E. Milk Tin cases	50 "
E. Bar Soap cases	1400 "
Haldi	200 lbs !
Dry coconut	540 " !
Salt	50 Pls !
Chillies	460 lbs !
Tamarind	60 " !
Sugar	100 " !
Jaggery	2000 " !
Pure ghee	400 " !
Sweeping bags	32 bgs !
Mixed grain bags	50 " !
Chowli	32 pls !
Chuni bags	30 bgs
Dhania	80 lbs !
Dhania dust bags	2 " !
Charcoal dust	30 bgs !
Wooden splinters	LOT
Orid dal.	3 pls !
E. Milk Tins bags	10 bgs
E. Biscuit tins	46
E. Deh. Potatoes tins	140
E. Planter tea cases	10
E. Bottles (small)	560
Varai	53 bgs !
Dehydrated Potatoes	49 cases

* Approximate @ Unserviceable

! Condemned 3826

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for three posts of 'A' Scale Clerks in the grade of Rs. 100-8-140-EB.-8-180-10-200 with such dearness, compensatory and house allowances as may from time to time be admissible. The total allowances attaching to a pay of Rs. 100 amount to Rs. 72|8 p.m. under the existing scale.

Only those possessing an honours degree in Arts and or a 2nd Class degree in Commerce need apply. Higher starting pay may be granted to candidates possessing special qualifications or experience. Candidates should not be over 25 years of age on 1st May 1949 but this limit may be relaxed in exceptional cases.

Selected candidates will be on probation for a period of one year in the first instance. They will be required to produce a certificate of physical fitness from the Port Trust Medical Officer before taking up the appointment.

On completion of 1 year's satisfactory probation they will be entitled to all permanent service privileges such as Provident Fund, Leave, etc.

Applications in the candidates' own handwriting stating age, particulars of qualifications and experience etc., accompanied by copies of certificates and testimonials should be addressed to the Secretary, Bombay Port Trust, Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay and should reach him not later than 16th April 1949. 3832

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE SASSOON & ALLIANCE SILK MILL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS GIVEN to the Shareholders that the last day for presentation of fractional certificates with application forms for conversion into fully paid up shares in terms of the Company's Allotment Letter dated 19th January, 1949 issued to the Shareholders has been extended to 15th June, 1949.

If such presentation of fractional certificates with application forms is not made by the aforesaid date the Directors will proceed to dispose of the rights conferred by such fractional certificates in terms of the aforesaid Letter of 19th January, 1949.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that no further extension will be granted and they in their own interest are requested to submit the fractional certificates with application forms without further delay.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
A. PETHER,
Manager,
Managing Agents.

Maneckji Wadia Building,
127, Esplanade Road, Fort,
Bombay, 23rd March, 1949. 3831

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOMBAY SALES TAX ACT

ALL DEALERS are hereby informed that from the 1st April, 1949, a PENALTY OF THREE-FOURTHS PER CENT for EACH MONTH (or part thereof) will be payable for any amount of tax which remains unpaid after the period prescribed for furnishing quarterly returns, i.e., one month after the end of each quarter. A period of not more than five days from the expiry of the time allowed will be neglected.

The penalty must be paid by the defaulting dealer at the same time when the tax is paid by a chalan in form X.

Any dealer who has not yet paid the tax due for the quarter ended 31st December, 1948, should pay it up immediately; and he must include also the penalty for the delay from 1st February, 1949, if the default continues after 1st April, 1949.

V. L. GIDWANI,
Deputy Commissioner of Sales Tax,
Bombay Province.

Bombay,
No. 396(2),
Dated 24th March, 1949. 3829

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
Hydraulic Engineer's Department.
TENDERS

BY ORDER of the Municipal Commissioner, the Hydraulic Engineer invites tenders for the supply of the following machines:—

(1) A Plate Bending Machine.
(2) A V-Grooving Machine.
(3) A Guillotine Shearing Machine.
(4) A Diesel Engine Driven Pump.
(5) A Portable Air Compressor Unit.
(6) A Oxy-Acetylene Gas Welding & Cutting Set.
(7) Two Electric Arc Welding Sets.

Forms obtainable from the Hydraulic Engineer's Office, Improvement Trust Building, Napier Road, Fort, Bombay at Rs. 3/- per copy for each item, not refundable. Payment by money order or cash only. Closing date 20-4-1949, at 1 p.m. (B.T.).

The tenderers are requested to quote the rates exclusive of sales tax which would be paid where admissible. 3828

LEGAL NOTICES

ORIGINAL
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION
PETITION NO. 151 OF 1949

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

NOTICE

Petition for Succession Certificate in respect of a certain debt belonging to MAHOMED JUMA late of Verawal Muslim Inhabitant, a cutlery merchant, residing at Jackeria Masjid Street without the Fort of Bombay. **Deceased.**

YUSUF MAHOMED JUMA of Verawal Muslim Inhabitant by his duly Constituted Attorney Alimahomed Valimahomed of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant residing at 129, Jackeria Masjid Street, without the Fort of Bombay. **Petitioner.**

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Succession Certificate.

Witness Mahommedali Currim Chagla, Esquire, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty nine and in the Thirteenth year of our Reign.

(Sd.)-J. S. RAHIMTOOLA.
Prothonotary and Senior Master.
Seal of the High Court at Bombay.
(Sd.)- A. R. NARAYAN AYYAR.
Sealer.

The 8th day of March 1949.

Messrs. NAGINDAS HOOSEINALLY & CO.,
Petitioner's Attorneys. 3830

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

An ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on Monday, the 4th April, 1949, at 3 p.m. (Bombay Time) for the consideration of the following business:—

1. Appointment of Mayor for the year 1949-50
2. Election of one member on the Works Committee, vice Mr. Asoka Mehta resigned.
3. Election of one member on the Medical Relief and Public Health Committee, vice Mrs. Vasanti Shroff resigned.
4. Election of one member on the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee vice Mr. K. S. Dharia resigned.
5. Interpellations.
6. Letter from Sardar Sher Singh —Regarding the damage caused to certain rooms in his building at Matunga let out to the Schools Committee, etc
7. Letter from Mr. Balvantrao M. Desai, B.A., LL.B., Advocate—Claiming compensation for damage caused to a motor car of his clients by a B.E.S.T. Bus colliding with it.
8. Letter from Messrs. Sunkersett & Vaidya, Solicitors, on behalf of their client Mr. Ramji Rawji Sojpal — Regarding a contract for the supply of materials; in connection with the Vaitarna-cum-Tansa Scheme.
9. Letter from Messrs. Sunkersett & Vaidya, Solicitors, on behalf of their clients, Mr Govind Laxman Savant and Mr. Ramchandra Arjun Gole—Regarding the contract for the work of drilling tunnels in connection with the Vaitarna-cum-Tansa Scheme.
10. Letter from Dr. B. G. Gokhale, M.A., Ph.D. and others—Regarding Art Education
11. Letter from Messrs. Gagrat & Co., Solicitors—Claiming compensation on behalf of their client Bai Goolbai Burjorji Jusawalla in respect of the death of her son caused by a Municipal Motor Bus colliding with his motor cycle.

Resolutions of the Standing Committee—

12. Regarding the continuation of certain temporary staff appointed in the Chief Accountant's Department.
13. Regarding the grant of a Conveyance Allowance to a Sub-Inspector of the Water Works Department.
14. Regarding a proposal to group together and show under a separate head the supervision charges included in the estimates of various works of the Vaitarna-cum-Tansa Scheme, etc.
15. Regarding a proposal for the sale of 360 brass of 1" metal from Municipal Crushers to Messrs. Recondo Ltd., etc.
16. Regarding the fixing of securities to be demanded from each Inspector and Sub-Inspector of the Town Duty Department posted for collecting Town Duty at the Sion, the Mahim and the Chembur Causeways.
17. Forwarding Government Resolution sanctioning the raising of a loan for Municipal purposes.
18. Regarding a proposal for reducing certain provisions made in the Budget Estimates for the year 1949-50.
19. Regarding certain temporary staff in the Assessment and Collection, and the Chief Accountants Department etc.

Resolutions of the Improvements Committee—

20. Regarding the acquisition of certain premises at Maruti Street, Fort.
21. Regarding the revised layout of certain plots in Scheme 42, Worli Estate, etc.
22. Regarding the shifting of the dry fish godowns in Sewri-Koliwada Estate to a new site belonging to the Bombay Port Trust.
23. Regarding the work of carrying out certain additions and alterations to a building at Nicol Road for accommodating the staff for the Vaitarna-cum-Tansa Scheme, etc.
24. Regarding the erection of temporary sheds on certain plots in 1st Nagpada Estate.

Resolutions of the Special Committee—

25. Regarding the transfer of a water connection granted to the Military Camping Ground at Ghatkopar, etc., to the Canteen Stores Department.
26. Regarding renaming Kandewadi Lane as 'Khadilkar Road'.
27. Regarding a proposal to treat the attendance of Dr. B. C. Das Gupta, Executive Health Officer, at the meetings of the Environmental Hygiene Committee constituted by Government as on duty, etc.
28. Regarding permission to the Assistant Superintendent of Gardens to visit important botanical gardens in India, etc.

Schools Committee's letters—

29. Reporting upon certain Resolutions adopted at a meeting of women teachers in Municipal Schools.
30. Forwarding a quarterly list of unanswered references from the Corporation.

Communications from the Commissioner—

31. Forwarding quarterly statement regarding the cleansing of drains, and sewers in the City.
32. Regarding the lease of certain land in Lower Parel Division.
33. Reporting on certain outstanding references in connection with the Mandvi-Elphinstone Estate Town Planning Scheme.
34. Regarding the notification relating to the election of Mr. Govind Mulji as a Municipal Councillor.
35. Forwarding half-yearly report of the work done in the Municipal Laboratory.
36. Forwarding a list showing the breeding places of Malaria carrying mosquitos detected in February 1949.
37. Regarding the request from Government to allow Mr. N. V. Modak, Special Engineer, to serve on the 'AD HOC' Committee proposed to be appointed by Government for considering the question of water supply at Kandla (Cutch).
38. Forwarding a report from the General Manager, B.E.S. & T. Committee, regarding the question of restoring the Tram Stops which were discontinued during the war time.
39. Regarding the re-constitution of the Bombay City Adult Education Committee

Letters from the General Manager, B.E.S. & T. Committee—

40. Regarding the establishment of a Riot Risk Insurance Fund by the B.E.S. & T. Committee.
41. Regarding the confirmation of the Rules regulating Provident Fund of the B.E.S.T. staff.
42. Reporting on the question of providing Bus shelters in certain parts of the City
43. Forwarding copies of the Minutes of the B.E.S. & T. Committee Meetings held during February 1949.
44. Letter from Mr. D. G. Mahajan —Applying for leave of absence from the Meetings of the Corporation

Letters from the Municipal Secretary—

45. Submitting a statement of references pending before the Committees of the Corporation.
46. Submitting a list of Resolutions calling for reports from the Commissioner which have not been received.
47. Submitting a statement of Interpellations remaining unreplied to by the Commissioner.
48. Submitting a return of attendance of Councillors at Meetings of the Corporation, the Standing Committee, the Improvements Committee and other Committees of the Corporation, etc., during the year ending 31st March 1949.
49. Confirmation of the Special Committees' Proceedings.
50. Schools Committee's letter—Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's Proceedings.

Notices of Motions—

51. From Mr. R. D. Bhandare—For continuing the present practice of charging annas eight to non-scheduled caste pupils in the upper primary sections and free-studentship to scheduled caste students.
52. From Mr. Dinkar D. Desai—For requesting Government to bear the entire cost of the administration of the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act, etc.
53. From Mr. M. Harris, seconded by Mr. F. M. Pinto—For obtaining a report from the Commissioner on the question of utilizing as Municipal gardens, etc., the plots caused vacant by the shifting of the Milch cattle stables to the Government Milk Colony near Goregaon etc.
54. From Mr. F. M. Pinto—For establishing a Municipal dairy in the Government Milk Colony near Goregaon by taking on lease an adequate number of units for the purpose, etc.
55. From Dr. A. D. Narde, seconded by Dr. A. R. Rangnekar—For starting a research Institute for carrying on investigation into occupational diseases, etc.
56. From Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha —For requesting the Commissioner to circulate copies of the B.E.S.T. Committee's Minutes to all the Councillors.
57-58. From Mr. R. G. Kharat seconded by Mr. V. Y. Mohite—For (57) having Bellasis Road regularly cleansed; and (58) expanding the existing facilities for giving aid to pregnant women through health visitors etc.
59. From Mr. R. D. Bhandare—For substituting a Medical Board in place of the present Municipal Medical Examiner for the purpose of certifying physical fitness of Municipal employees.
60 From Mr. Jehangir D. Daruvala—For obtaining a report from the Commissioner, as to whether set back lands hitherto acquired by him were legally acquired, etc.
61. From Mrs. Sulochana M. Modi—For moving Government to take steps for introducing educational and cultural films in Cinema Shows etc.
62. From Miss P. N. Nariman—seconded by Dr. D. G. Tendulkar—For requesting Government to enforce strictly the provisions of the Lepers Act and the Beggars Act in the City etc.
63. From Mr. R. S. Pandey—For naming an important thoroughfare in the City—after the late Shrimati Sarojini Naidu.
64. From Mr. J. G. Vichare—For improving the condition of the road from Tardeo Tram Terminus leading to Arthur Road, Clerk Road upto Mahalaxmi Race Course.
65.67. From Mr. Homi J. H. Taleyarkhan—For (65) establishing a Chronic diseases hospital; (66) improving the drainage system of the Refugee Camp next to the Princess Victoria Mary Gymkhana at Cooperage etc., and (67) taking steps against persons misusing storm water drains etc.
68-69. From Mrs. Sulochana M. Modi—For (68) reserving in Municipal libraries a section for children between the age group of 7 to 16 etc., and (69) bringing the trade of Sugar-cane presses in the City under licensable trades.
70. From Dr. B. P. Divgi—For taking steps to improve the insanitary condition of the Municipal Chawls at Valpakhadi.
71-72. From Mr. Khimji M. Bhujpuria—For (71) making a provision in the Budget for 1950-51 for constructing a carriage way and footpath on certain portions of Tulsi Pipe Line Road and (72) widening Fergusson Road between Tulsi Pipe Line Road and Delisle Road.
73. From Mr. Homi J. H. Taleyarkhan—For requesting the Schools Committee to resume the holding of Annual mass rally of school children.
74. From Mr. S. V. Sovani—For naming an important thoroughfare in the City after the late Mr. S. A. Brelvi.
75-77. From Mr. Homi J. H. Taleyarkhan—For (75) replacing the broken and missing street lamps in the City particularly at Khetwadi 14th Lane; (76) requesting the Schools Committee to curtail the number of holidays given to Municipal Schools and (77) for taking steps to remove the accumulations of 'mutti' from streets, etc.
78. From Mr. R. G. Kharat seconded by Mr. V. Y. Mohite—For covering up the open Drains between the Dagad Chawls at Moreland Road.
79. From Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hasan—For restoring lighting arrangements in the Joseph Baptista Gardens.
80. From Mr. K. S. Dharia—For diverting more water for domestic purposes, etc.

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81. From Mr. S. M. Thakre—For re-naming Jambli Street in Mandvi-Koliwada locality as Shri Raghunath Maharaj Street.
82. From Mr. Mancherji E. Joshi—For obtaining a report from the Commissioner regarding the acquisition of lands required in connection with the Vaitarna-cum-Tansa Scheme.
83. From Mr. K. S. Dharia; seconded by Mr. Jehangir D. Daruvala—For re-modelling the ejector system in various parts of the City, particularly in the Colaba area, etc.
84. From Mr. Jehangir D. Daruvala—For widening Gibbs Road between the Kemp's Corner and the Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Gardens, etc.
85-86. From Dr. B. P. Divgi—For (85) washing regularly the Bye-lanes and thoroughfares in the City, etc., and (86) opening welfare Centres in Dongri and Umerkhadi localities, etc.
87. From Mr. Nathalal D. Parikh — For improving the condition of L. R. Tairsee Bhatia Baug near Bori Bunder Tram Junction.
88. From Mr. R. D. Bhandare, seconded by Mr. H. K. Patel and supported by others—For giving a Civic Address to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, M.A., Ph.D., D.Sc., Barrister-at-Law, Law Member of the Government of India on his next visit to Bombay.
89. From Mr. H. K. Patel, seconded by Mr. R. D. Bhandare and supported by others—For naming a suitable road after the Hon'ble Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.
90-91. From Mr. S. N. Raut—For (90) widening the Bhoiwada and Naigaum Roads, etc.; and (91) requesting the G.I.P. and the B.B. & C.I. Railway authorities to widen the two overhead Railway Bridges at Dadar.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor.
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 25th March 1949.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 313 of 1949.

1. MANORDAS TRIBHOVANDAS, and 2. DHIRAJLAL VRAJDAS SANKALIA both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants, the 2nd Plaintiff, a retired Advocate of this Hon'ble Court respectively residing at Shri Nivas, Sandhurst Road without the Fort of Bombay and at Khakhar Building, Cowasji Patel Tank Road, without the Fort of Bombay. ... Plaintiffs

Versus

1. The Advocate-General of Bombay having his office in the High Court premises within the Fort of Bombay. 2. DWARKADAS GHORDHANDAS of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, a merchant residing at Babulnath Road, without the Fort of Bombay, and 3. MANEKLAL NATHABHAI MEHTA also of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, an income-tax practitioner residing at Khakhar Building, Cowasji Patel Tank Road without the Fort of Bombay, the 2nd and 3rd Defendants on behalf of themselves and all other members of the Arya Sudharmodaya Sabha.. Defendants

To
The Members of Arya Sudharmodaya Sabha,

Sirs,

Take Notice that pursuant to an Order made herein by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolker on the 4th day of March, 1949, the Plaintiffs abovenamed have been given leave under Order 1 Rule 8 of the Civil Procedure Code to file the above Suit against the 2nd and 3rd Defendants abovenamed for and on behalf of themselves and all other members of Arya Sudharmodaya Sabha, for the following reliefs:—

(a) that a scheme for the administration of the trust funds for the objects mentioned in the Trust Deed dated 30th September, 1911 referred to in the plaint herein may be framed by this Honourable Court;
(b) that the 1st Plaintiff may be authorised to pay the sums of Rs. 5,000/- and Rs. 3,000/- to K. S. Varma, Head of the Philosophy Department, Agra College, at Agra and to the President of the Arya Sudharmodaya Samiti for the purposes mentioned in their respective letters to the 1st Plaintiff dated 19th July, 1948 and 23rd July, 1948 respectively also referred to in the plaint;
(c) that the costs of the above suit may be provided for; and
(d) for further and other reliefs as the circumstances of the case may reuqired.

And take further notice that the hearing of the above suit has been fixed for the 5th day of April, 1949.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1949.

K. K. DASTUR,
For Prothonotary & Senior Master.
A. R. NARAYAN AIYAR.

This 23rd day of March, 1949.
Messrs. ROMER DADACHANJI SETHNA & CO.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
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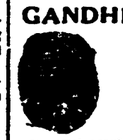

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East Pakistan News-Letter

Communist Menace To East Bengal

Government Measures To Alleviate Economic Distress & Prevent "Red" Infiltration Into Province

(From Our Correspondent)
DACCA, (By Mail).

Early this month East Pakistan had a visit from the Governor-General of Pakistan. Dacca is His Excellency's old and first love, and his visit evoked considerable enthusiasm among citizens. This was all because Khwaja Nazimuddin is a gentleman and his speeches all over Eastern Pakistan—especially among the Namasudras of Gopalgunj in Faridpur had a most reassuring effect. The vague fears entertained by the Minority Community about Shariat Rule have been further dispelled by Sir Zafrulla Khan in a recent speech and the atmosphere is much more pleasant than before. The general administration being weak the Minority Communities have still been suffering—especially in regard to the requisitioning of Hindu houses for the benefit and convenience of Muslims Houses are still being requisitioned and Hindu citizens being thrown on the streets and the most respectful representations made on the subject are being thrown into the waste paper basket.

COMMUNIST THREAT

The economic distress and the weakness of the administration cannot but invite Communism although the progress of Karl Marx's doctrines is slow; yet the proximity of Chittagong to the Burma border is a potent source of danger and the Government of East Pakistan are apparently alert and steps are being taken to prevent infiltration into East Pakistan from among the Karen rebels. The Security prisoners in the Dacca Central Jail, who are mostly Communists and who have been on hunger strike have demanded trial in the open court and East Pakistan's army of discontended labourers are apparently inspired by Communism; but the Communists have not yet evoked the same enthusiasm among the rank and file of the population as they have done among citizens in West Bengal.

STATE LANGUAGE

Education which is the main prop of a country's progress seems to be in a very bad way in East Pakistan—especially in the hands of people who are outlandish in their habits, methods and temperaments. The attempt to introduce 'Urdu' as the state language and the Arabic character for the teaching of Bengali are both unpopular and it is amusing to hear some people talk of making this country a purely Islamic one. The fact that purely Islamic countries in spite of their proximity to Europe are so unprogressive should be an eyeopener. The glory of the Saracens of Spain is not an inspiration for these gentlemen. The students and the staff of the University of Dacca have raised their voice of protest against what they consider to be a reaction and certainly the university is the best institution to fight such intellectual feaction.

NEW ENGLISH DAILY

During the past week Dacca saw the birth of a new English Daily entitled 'The Pakistan Observer.' It is the first daily newspaper in East Pakistan and has the blessings of two ministers if not of the whole cabinet. In fact, this will be the official organ to be shortly followed by another English Daily 'The Morning News' which funtioned in Calcutta not very long ago and the Fourth Estate will no doubt rejoice at the rapid increase of its members in East Pakistan.

CABINET RESHUFFLE?

East Pakistan is likely to have a reshuffling of its Cabinet on grounds of local patriotism. Mr. Hamidal Haq Choudhury the Finance Minister is mentioned as the prospective Ambassador of Pakistan to Australia. Mr. Tafazzal Ali, now the Revenue Minister may be transferred to the Centre to relieve Khwaja Shahbuddin who is tipped as Pakistan's Ambassador to Switzerland. New elements may be introduced into the Cabinet after the two bye-elections; but none of the changes are likely to come into being before the Budget Session of the East Bengal Assembly is over.

The Press Attache of the American Embassy in Karachi paid a visit to Dacca last week looking out for suitable accommodation for the opening of a branch of the Embassy in Dacca. The opening of the Embassy will be followed by the establishment of an American Information Bureau so badly needed in Dacca for answering trade enquiries regarding USA. Arrangements are also being made to open a branch of the British Trade Commissioner; but this will be in Chittagong.

Another Leakage In Madras Examination Papers

MADRAS, March 25 (API): Information has reached the Maddas University authorities that the question paper on Physics for the Intermediate Examination held yesterday had leaked out before the examination. A de-examination in the subject is under consideration.

The preliminary examination in English for the B.A. (Hons.) B.Sc. (Hons) and B.Sc., which had been postponed indefinitely following similar leakage of questions will be held on March 28.

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FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK

"ANDAZ"

At Liberty

Everyone associated with "ANDAZ" has surpassed himself. Faredoon Irani has reached new heights of camera-craft. Kaushik has revealed a new cunning in recording the subtle nuances of the human voice in different emotions. Central Studios have displayed unsuspected treasures of sets and decor, the stars Dilip Kumar and Raj Kapoor have given evidence of their histrionic art, while Nargis has demonstrated what she can accomplish.

For all its dramatic effect, Mehboob's tale is simple. He narrates how a rich man's daughter, disregarding her father's wise advice, leads on a young man without letting him know that she was already engaged. The honest young man (who has once saved her life) believe that the girl loves him—while her feeling is only friendship. Her father dies and the young man again helps her to manage her affairs.

The rest of the story is a variation on the old triangle theme where no false note is struck by straining at a happy ending. The moral is the rather obvious one—no triangles. And it is presented with a simple directness which carries it to the average cinema-goer

"GAJRE"

At Capitol

Allied Art Productions Ltd.'s "GAJRE" has for its theme that the essence and grandeur of love lies in sacrifice. This is illustrated in the character of the Army Doctor and Lara. Both, find their love unrequited - but both continue to nurture the sentiments of love—and prefer to walk out of people's life rather than make profession of their love and make unhappy. Suraiya, Motilal and Geeta Nizami have played their roles with sincerity.

"GAJRE will be shown from Friday next at Taj Talkies.

Dilip Kumar in Mehboob Productions' "Andaz."

"ZIDDI"

At Roxy

Acted by a good team of artists which include, among others, Kamini Kaushal, Dev Anand, Veera, Kuldip, Indu, Mohsin, Pran, Pratima Devi and Nawab, "ZIDDI" has a good pace and a novel approach.

Ashok Kumar and Savak Vacha are responsible for production, and Shahid Lateef for direction.

Dev Anand, as a sensitive artists, gives his best in the picture, and Kamini Kaushal gives a convincing portrayal of the unsophisticated, lovable young girl, who falls in love with the scion of an aristocratic family. Nawab

Nawab in Bombay Talkie's "Ziddi," as an old uncle, encourages the boy in his love in the teeth of opposition from the other elders. Nawab's sarcasm at the old way of looking at life is refreshing. Veera is the sympathetic sister-in-law of the boy, while Indu portrays an innocent but jealous young girl who loves the boy.

"APNA DESH"

At New West End

"APNA DESH", Rajkamal Kalamandir's latest picture directed by V. SHANTARAM has now been fixed for release at New West End on Wednesday March 30, the Hindu New Year's Day.

"APNA DESH" (our country) is a film which presents a cross-section of the life around us

While making fun of over several failings and incidentally impressing upon us the need for self-improvement SHANTARAM has made a picture that will be a perennial source of visual and intellectual delight.

"APNA DESH" introduces a new star in Pushpa Hans who has shown fine acting talent and has a speaking and singing voice. In featured roles are Umesh Sharma and Manmohan Krishna, supported by Keshavrao Date and Sudha Apte. Dewan Sharar and K Date have written the story.

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

CAPITOL:
"GAJRE" starring Suraiya, Motilal, Geeta Nizami, Sankatha Prasad, Murad, N. Kbir, Laddoan and Gudnar.

SWASTIK:
"MEETH BHAKAR" starring Vithal Chandrakant, Sulochana, Pawar, Anjani, Jaishankar, Bakre and Saroj

LIBERTY:
"Andaz" starring Nargis, Dilip Kumar, Cuckoo, V. H. Desai, and Raj Kapur.

EXCELSIOR, NATIONAL, BROADWAY, MODEL (Kurla), ROOP (Santa Cruz), NEPTUNE (Bandra).
"CHUNARIA" Starring Manorama, Wasti, Randhir, Sophia and Cuckoo.

KAMAL AND KISMET:
"BAZAR" starring Nigar, Shyam, Gope and Yakub.

NOVELTY:
'ACTRESS" starring Rehana, Prem Adib, Meena, David and Misra.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, JAI HIND, RIVOLI AND BANDRA-TALKIES (Ghodbunder Road):
"CHANDRALEKHA" starring T. R. Rajkumari, M. K. Radha, Ranjan, Sudari Bai, Yashodhra Katju.

MAJESTIC:
"SAKHARPUDA" starring Sumatee Gupte, Damuanna Malvankar and Buburao Pendharkar.

SUPER:
"USHA-HARAN" starring Ratnamala, Arun, Jeevan, Yashodhara Katju Indu and Ulhas.

CITY LIGHT (Matunga —B.B.)
"DOOSRI-SHADI" starring Mumtaz Shanti, Kumar, Gope, Ranjit Kumari and David.

KOHINOOR:
"DIN RAAT" starring Snehprabha, Paresh Bannerji, and Sulochana Chatterji.

CENTRAL:
"NAI REET" starring Sulochana Chatterjee, Krishnakant, Rajendra, Tiwari and Geet Bali.

ROXY:
"ZIDDI" starring Kamini Kaushal, Dev Anand, Veera, Kuldip, Pratimadevi, Indu, Pran, Monsin and Nawab.

IMPERIAL
"GHAR-KI-IZZAT" starring Mumtaz Shanti Dilip Kumar, Manorama, Gope and Dixit.

MINERVA.
"APARADHI" starring Ramsingh, Madhu Bala, Pran, Leela Panday, Raj Kishore, Gowri and Manjrekar

NEW WEST END:
"NANAND BHOJAI' starring Nirupa Roy, Manhar Desai, Dulari, Babu Raje and Chhagan Romeo.

FROM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30:
"APNA DESH" starring Pushpa Hans, Umesh Sharma, Manmohan, K. Date and Sudha Apte.

LAMINGTON:
"GRIHASTI" starring Yakub Lalita Pawar, Sulochana, Chatterjee, Sharda, Kuedip, Masud and Mirza Mushraff.

CHITRA:
"PYAR-KI-JEET" starring Suraiya Manorama and Gope.

HIND MATA (Parel)
"MELA" starring Nargis and Dilip Kumar

"USHA—HARAN"

At Super

The tale of "USHA-HARAN" has been faithfully presented on the screen by Prakash Pictures. The Prakash traditions of giving a human tale with magnificent backgrounds is eminently carried out in this picture. The treatment of the romance between Usha and Aniruddha reaches poetic levels. The dream sequence is brought to the screen in all its grandeur of thought, poetry, sentiment and background.

Ratnamala, Arun, Jeevan, Indu, Yashodhara Katju and Ulhas play the major roles under the direction of Shantikumar.

"BAZAR"

At Kamal & Kismet

"BAZAR" is a simple straight story of 2 mates and 2 minds—and the way of their love. The story is told in a clean straightforward way—with proper accents on the situations.

Gope and Yakub give first-rate performances—the former keeping the audiences laughing with his gags while the latter holds attention spellbound by his actions. Nigar and shyam give good performances as the actress and the poet

"NAI BAAT"

Chowdhry Production's "Nai Baat" opening from Friday April 1, has except for the heroine Rehana, everything new The producer, the director, the technicians, the artistes, the writers, the music-makers and all other specialists associated with "Nai Baat" are new names. There is thus an intriguing promise of novelty, of freshness in this picture.

"Kuldeep"

Maya Art Pictures' social "KULDEEP" is due to be released at two theatres in the city during the current month through Jupited Films, a newly enstablished distribution office in Bombay.

Essentially a social comedy with light entertainment, delightful music and rural setting "KULDEEP" stars Vijay Mohini, appears on the screen in this picture for the first time. Bhudo Advani the noted comedian who needs no introduction to cinegoers, and Madan Puri Yasneem, Sheikh and Gulzar in the major roles

The picture has been directed by Vaswani with songs by S. Behnerise and dialogue and lyrics by Naqvi.

"Dawlat"

It is particularly Sohrab Modi's speciality that he is a man of versatile gifts. His capacity is not restricted to the making of any one type of pictures to the exclusion of all other types. This time Sohrab Modi has directed and produced a rollicking comedy from beginning to end. Based on a story by the well-known humorist P. K. Atre, "Dawlat" will give evidence of his craft. The cast includes amongst others such celebrated artistes as Madhubala, Mahipal, Eruch Tarapore, Seeta Bose with Janaki Dass, the Central figure of the comedy.

"Dawlat" has been scheduled for a five theatre premiers in town on coming Friday, April 1.

Central Film Distributors

In order to avoid confusion in the minds of those of the trade and the general public and consequent misunderstandings Messrs. Prabhat Pictures, a Distributing concern, will change its name over to Central Film Distributors, with effect from April 1, 1949.

They have taken over Novelty Talkies, Bombay, for a period of one year to enable them (Central Film Distributors) to release "Roshani", "Ram-Vivah" and "Nazrana", for which pictures they hold exhibition rights for Bombay Presidency.

Shobhana Samarth in "Shahkar."

Director's Life On The Screen

Perhaps for the first time in the history motion pictures in this country a film picturises the life and adventures of a film director. It is in the United Films, production entitled SHAHKAR, (Masterpiece), which is scheduled for release during the first week of April, in Bombay, in one of the leading first run houses.

Shahkar presents Shah Nawab in the main role of a film director. Opposite him is Shobhana Samarth In romantic roles of the film there are Anwar and Najma, Majid Jilloobai and Cuckoo are in the supporting cast of the film. The film was directed by S. Khalil, and will be released in Bombay through Super Art Service Ltd

Indian News Review

On the death of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu, the poetess-politician of India, thousands flocked to the Government House, Lucknow, to pay their homage and accompany the performance of the last sacred rites by her son Dr. Jayasurya has been rendered immortal in celluloid in the latest Indian News Review produced by the Firms Division.

This reel also contains interesting scenes from all over India—like the Inauguration of the Begum Azad Wing of the Kamla Nehru Hospital, the All-India Cattle Show at Delhi, the Universities Commission in Bombay, the arrival of the Reuters Goodwill Mission in India, the Celebration of the Shivaratri Festival at Benares

"Tangamma"

Having completed his maiden venture a socio-musical comedy entitled "Janmapatri" under the banner of Popular Productions Mr. K. P. Shahani immediately started the shooting of "Tangamma" which will be produced in Tamil under the same banner, the "Muhurat" of which was performed last Tuesday at Bharat Movietone City, Chembur, Seth Mansukhlal P. Shah, famous film magnate and financer of Bombay performed the "Muhurat", when the camera turned on Sudha Rao.

"Tangamma" is written By K. P. Shahani who is also responsible for the direction and screen-play. The songs and dialogue are by S. S. Vasan who is well-known in the industry since past four years.

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MAHARASHTRA SURPRISE LUSITANIANS

Invitation Hockey Tournament Semi-Finals

BOMBAY, Friday.

Lusitanian's received a rude shock at the hands of Maharashtra, for the Poona side scored two snap goals early in the opening half, but gamely the Lusis fought back and saved the day. Both sides shared four goals.

Earlier, East Punjab Police just managed to gain the better of the Times of India, by two goals to nil. They now meet Tata Sports in the semi-finals. Although three Olympians and nine provincial players supported the outfit, the display was rather mediocre for a crack side.

Dadoo, today playing centre forward, instead of his usual position as outer scored Maharashtra's opening goal due to a solo effort off a pass from Diago. Dadoo was proving a much more effective man in his new role and he ran through twice more, but was not so well placed to score.

Walter D'Souza deserved a warning from Umpire Vishwanathan for questioning the Umpires decision against a foul awarded against him for lifting the ball when taking a penalty corner hit.

Pillay surprising put the Maharashtrians further ahead when he caught hold off a back hit from Walter D'Souza in goal area and Menezes in goal had his view obstructed by Walter, had no chance to save at all.

Umpire Scott served warnings on Walter D'Souza for questioning the Umpire's decision. Menezes also received a warning for pushing deliberately. Lusis were not the same outfit and they now played calmer hockey.

Playing calmer hockey they really proved effective and Wilson D'Souza ran down, pushed into goalmouth, Phillips miss kicked, Saxby lying handy pushed into goal. This gave the Lusis same hope of saving the game. They now attacked and were giving the Poona sides defence a trying time. Half time saw Maharashtra leading by the odd goal in three.

Woodcock was today most ineffective due mainly to Lingam completely covering him and never allowing him to get on the move at all. Louis Vaz was also kept in check by Meteloo. Diago was quite free to do the feeding past of his job and intervene when the other defenders failed, for Saxby was ineffective without Woodcock.

Maharashtra got out of a tight corner when they managed to thwart the gallant bid for the equalizer on the part of the home team. Walter D'Souza's terrific penalty corner drive was well taken care of by the vigilant Maharashtra defence. The Lusis kept on their onslaught, but the equalizer always seemed to be at hand and then all of a sudden it turned out to be just a "mirage".

But that elusive goal came and off a free hit pass from Gama, Walter D'Souza, who had joined the forwards, flashed the ball to the boards. It is doubtful whether Custodian Phillips ever saw the ball coming his way. A minute later, Saxby failed when within a couple of yards from goal line, to convert Louis Vaz's grand centre from outside the ring.

Towards the close of play the Maharashtrian's once more tried to forge ahead by sending the Lusis to defend but the Lusis drove them back to their own territory. The score two all, Lusis lined to fight another day.

THE TEAMS

LUSITANIAN'S "A": Menezes, Dias, W. D'Souza; Gama, P. D'Souza, M. Vaz L. Vaz, Woodcock, Saxby, W. D'Souza, Braganza.

MAHARASHTRA: Phillips; Maleloo, Lingam; Meteloo, Diago, Yousuf; G. Nimal, Pillay, Dadoo, D. Nimal, Bhatia.

UMPIRES: Scott and Vishwanathan.

EAST PUNJAB POLICE WIN

East Punjab today only just managed to gain the better of the Times of India, a local outfit. A much better show was expected from the East Punjab Police side. Times defence needs a word of praise for they held the superior star studded forwards of the visiting team. Tony Vaz and Roberts were outstanding. Tony Vaz was always there in the very last stages to save his side from a dangerous situation.

Balbir Singh, Udham Singh and Kirpal Singh impressed with their performances. Trilochan Singh was outstanding in defence. Amir Kumar playing centre half for the up-country outfit was not well settled in this new combination, but individually he gave a good account of himself.

Punjab Police were unsettled for the first fifteen minutes, during this period Correa of Times failed to connect off a free hit. Transferring play Punjab gained the upper hand thereafter and Balbir Singh taking hold of misconnection by the Times defence and also a silly mistake by Brown in goal, shot into an empty goal.

Times missed two good opportunities of equalizing and on both occasions it was through Correa. He was obstructed badly on both occasions by goalie Ram Prakash and Trilochan Singh.

Brown, who was disheartened by letting in the first goal now improved and brought off some good saves. Balbir Singh was prevented from scoring from close in. Then Kirpal Singh from an off-side position failed to beat Brown who got his pads to the ball.

East Punjab Police were only able to score once in the opening half and were only able to score again in the twentieth minute of the second half, when from a pass from Ram Sarup, Bakshish Singh beat Brown easily from close up.

Ram Sarup earned the displeasure of a warning from Umpire Joseph for dangerous play. Times didn't give in easily and forced the game. They earned three short corners, but all proved in vain except the last one was a narrow miss for Correa shot and Elly got the rebound but shot wide.

On the other side an interesting position arose when goalkeeper Brown dangerously kicked the ball around the goal high up and a near miss resulted, when Bakshish nearly got his stick to the ball but was held up for sticks.

East Punjab prevailed over the Pressmen by only two goals. A rather disappointing display against a mediocre side, but as they get used to conditions down this side we hope to see them serving us with some delightful hockey.

THE TEAMS

EAST PUNJAB POLICE: Ram Parkash, Trilochan, Dharam; Gurcharan, Amir Kumar, Dadoo; Ram Sarup, Bakshish, Balbir, Udham, Kirpal.

TIMES OF INDIA "A": Brown; Roberts, P. Fernandes; H. D'Souza, Tony Vaz, L. D'Souza; L. Braganza, J. Vaz, J. Rodrigues, F. Correa, T. Elly.

UMPIRES: Ambrose and Joseph.

GERMAN BOXER REFUSED PERMISSION TO FIGHT IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 25. (PTI-Reuter): Hein Ten Hoff, who was to have been the first German boxer to fight in the United States since the war, has been refused a licence to box in New York.

After this announcement by Colonel Eddie Eagan, Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, Ten Hoff stated that he would leave by air tomorrow night to return to Hamburg.

Ten Hoff, German heavyweight champion, was brought to New York by the 20th Century Sporting Club early this year on a visa issued by the War and State Department.

Immediately upon his arrival, strong criticism was voiced against his appearance in the ring because he had served in the German army during the war.

JEPSEN CUP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

BOMBAY, Friday.

Dockyard "B" beat Dreamland Sport Club by a solitary goal scored in extra time of play. Reggie Whyte scored off a penalty corner, the ball being deflected of the goalies' pads.

Earlier, Blue Wizards beat Cathedral Old Boys by a solitary goal scored in the last five minutes of play by Braganza. Blue Wizards fielded only ten men.

Liverpool Spring Cup Handicap

LIVERPOOL, March 25 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. A. E. McKinlays Spahee won the Liverpool Spring Cup Handicap today with Mr. Walter Nightingall's Command Performance second and Mr. Denis de Rougemont's Royal Highlander third.

Betting: 100 to 9, 7 to 2 favourite, 7 to 1. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Sixteen runners as probables.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY.

Bombay Gymkhana Ground.

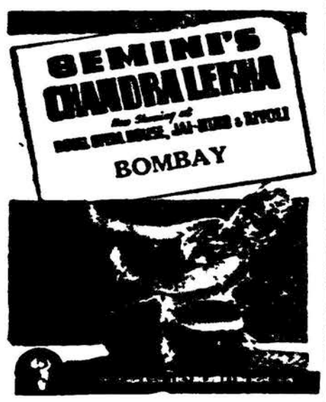
4-00 p.m. Lusitanian's vs Maharashtra (Replay).

5-40 p.m. Tata Sports vs East Punjab Police. (Semi-Finals Invitation).

Association Ground.

4-30 p.m. St. Xavier's Assn. vs Bombay Parsi S. A.

5-30 p.m. Margaon Inst. vs Lusitanian's "B" (Jepson Cup).



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'VARSITY BOAT RACE

Close Finish Expected

LONDON, March 25. (PTI-Reuter): Rarely does the University boat race produce an exciting finish, but there is every prospect of a close struggle when Oxford and Cambridge renew the battle to-morrow morning over the tortuous four and a quarter miles course between Putney and Mortlake on the river Thames.

The outcome will depend on whether Oxford can maintain the peak form which they have shown in recent outings.

Cambridge, timing their preparation to the minute, have improved their bladework tremendously since they started practice and can be little if anything behind their rivals.

Cambridge—last year's winners in the record time of 17 minutes 50 seconds—impress as being the more solid crew, but Oxford, possessing their finest racing crew since before the war, are expected to start slight favourites by virtue of their easy poise and swiftness from the start.

The crews are fairly evenly matched in weight and age. The average weight of the Oxford men is 12 5 pounds—one pound lighter than Cambridge, while their average age is 21 against 22.

Oxford are pinning their hopes on 19-year-old Chris Davidge, their stroke from Eton, who gets the very best out of his crew. Cambridge too have a good racing stroke in young D. Jennens.

If experience counts for anything then Oxford have the advantage with five old blues in their boat.

To-morrow the race will be the 95th in the series begun 120 years ago Cambridge have won 50, Oxford 43 and one resulted in a dead heat—in 1877. There are three bends to negotiate in the race and it is usually touch and go at several vital points to gain the inside berths on these turns. Key spots are the approaches to Hammersmith Bridge (nine and three quarter miles from the start) and to Duke's Meadow (one and a quarter miles from the finish).

The crews are as follows:

OXFORD:

Bow—G. C. Fish (Geelong, Victoria and Oriel), Two—A. J. M. Cavenagh (Winchester and Magdalen), Three—W. J. H. Leckie (Edinburgh Academy and Brasenose), Four—R. L. Arundel (Marlborough and Merton), Five—A. D. Row (Eton and Trinity), Seven—J M. Clay (Eton and Magdalen), Stroke—C. G. V. Davidge (Eton and Trinity), Cox—A. Palgrave-Brown (Shrewsbury and Queen's)

CAMBRIDGE:

Bow—G. S. S. Ludford (Latymer upper and Jesus), Two—A. L. Macleod (Shrewsbury and Lady Margaret), Three—C. B. M. Lloyd (Shore School, New South Wales and Lady Margaret), Four—J. R. Corrie (Winchester and Trinity), Five—E. A. Bircher (Radley and Christ's), Six—P. M. O. Massey (Oundle and Lady Margaret), Seven— D. U. L. Odhams (Westminister and Jesus), Stroke—D. M. Jennens Budnie and Clare), Cox—T. R. Ashton (Monkton Combe and Christ's).

Runners And Jockeys For Grand National

LONDON, March 24. (PTI-Reuter): The probable Runners and Jockeys for the Grand National, to be run at Liverpool on Saturday, March 26 at 3 p.m. G.M.T. (8-30 p.m. I.S.T) are as follows:

Roimond (A Brabazon), Happy Home (B. Marshall), Cloncarrig (K. Gilsenan), Halcyon Hours (no Jockey), Cromwell (Lord Mildmay), Brighter Sandy (R. J. Murphy), Ulster Monarch (R. Curran), Cavaliero (J. Brogan), Cuaghoo (D. Mccan), Royal Cottage (R. Black), Royal Mount (P. Doyle), Acthon (Major R. J. Oryan), Caddie The Second (J. Maguire), Leap Man (E. Vinall), Bruno The Second (M. Pringle), Bricett (T. Molony), Flaming Steel (Mr. J. Spencer), Gallery (G. Slack), Russian Hero (L. Mcmorrow), Platypus (A. P. Thompson), San Michele (Major Cunare), Ardnacassa (—), Tonderman (Mr. J. Bloom), Magnetic Fin (L. Vick), Astra (R. Carter), Loyal Antrim (—), Replica (E. Reavey), Wot-No-Sun (G. Kelly), Monaveen (—), Boras Cottage (E. Kennedy), Lucky Purchase (—), Arranbeg (—), Martin M. Colonel (Skrine), Southborough (P. Murray), Clyduffe (J. Power), Stone Cottage (M. Hogan), Ships Bell (M. O'Dwyer), Celtic Cross (C. Hook), Parthenon (R. Francis), Perfect Night (—), Morning Star The Second (A. Granthan), Chummie (T. Maher), Sen Toi (C. Dusack), Barn Dance (—), East Acalling (—), Sagacity (A. Power).

Total 47 probables.

CROMWELL A FIVE TO ONE FAVOURITE.

Prices at the Callover to-night for the Grand National Steeplechase running at Aintree Liverpool next Saturday were five to one against Cromwell, ten to one Cloncarrig, 100 to six Happy Home, 18 to one Roimono, 20 to one Bricett, 22 to one Royal Mont, 25 to one Platypus and Cavaliero, 28 to one Ulster Monarch, 33 to one Flaming Steel, 40 to one Monaveen, Bruno Second, Royal Cottage, Wot-No-Sun, Gallery, Achton Major, and 50 to one others.

"Asturias" To Make Special Trip From Bombay To U.K.

BOMBAY, March 25, (A.P.I.): With a view to easing the present difficult passage situation from Bombay to the United Kingdom, a British passenger ship, the 25,000-ton "Asturias" arrived here this morning from Sydney.

The U. K. Ministry of Transport, which has chartered the ship from its owners—the Royal Mail Steam Packet Navigation Company—ordered the vessel to cancel its normal routine voyage and make a special trip from Bombay to the United Kingdom.

Messrs. Mackinon Mackenzie and Company Bombay, have booked 900 seats by this vessel which is to sail for the United Kingdom tomorrow.

MAYOR'S PARTY TO GOVERNOR

Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, Mayor of Bombay, gave a dinner party in honour of H. E. the Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh at Sir Pherozshah Mehta Gardens on Friday evening.

MAYOR'S "AT HOME" TO GOVERNOR

BOMBAY, Friday.

Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, retiring Mayor of Bombay, was "at home" to His Excellency Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor, and Lady Maharaj Singh, at a well-attended garden party held on the lawns of the Sir P. Mehta Gardens this evening.

His Excellency was introduced by the Mayor to the Councillors of the Corporation, members of the Consular Corps, high-ranking Government Officials and several leading citizens who were also individually met by Lady Maharaj Singh.

Pleasant Indian music provided background for the hour-long party. A big crowd cheered the Mayor and the Governor as they left the Hanging Gardens.

KANARA DISTRICT: Murur in Kumta taluka (Rs. 200); Chigali in Mungod taluka (Rs. 150) and Chandige in Karwar taluka (Rs. 100).

RATNAGIRI DISTIRCT: Lavel in Khed taluka (Rs. 100).

NO MODIFICATION OF FOOD CONTROL

BOMBAY, Friday.

Rumours that the Government of Bombay would be induced by the Congress Legislative Party to make modifications with regard to their policy of Food Control, with the permission of the Government of India, were scotched at a meeting of the Party this afternoon.

The Party is learnt to have decided that in view of the declaration of the Government of India, that Food Control policies in India, should continue, for at least one more year, there was no point in going into the matter of relaxation of Controls in the Province of Bombay.

But, as a result of suggestions made by many members, a committee was appointed with Mr. B. M. Gupte as Chairman to consider what further steps Government can take in such details as the supply of manure, seeds. Irrigation, rotation of crops etc.

These members are expected to consider the suggestions, contact the Civil Supplies and Agricultural Ministers and report to Mr. B. G. Kher, Leader of the Party.

Selections For Today's Races

Flying Arrow Expected To Win Chief Event

(By Our Racing Correspondent).

BOMBAY, Friday.

The following are my selections for the Spring races, fifth day, to be held at Mahaluxmi to-morrow:

1st Race:
DESERT KID — Win
THE CONQUEROR — Next Best

2nd Race:
PRINCESS OF HINDUSTAN — Win
PEGGOTTY — Next Best

3rd Race:
LITTLE JOHN — Win
GURJARI — Next Best

4th Race:
PRIDE OF HINDUSTAN — Win
If sb. LIRA MALT
KENNERETH — Next Best

5th Race:
AYAAZ — Win
FULL POPPY — Next Best
If sb. BLUE LOTUS

6th Race:
FLYING ARROW — Win
NEW MOON — Next Best

7th Race:
FLYING CLIPPER — Win
MALAKEH — Next Best

8th Race:
CHIN UP — Win
RAJPUT WARRIOR — Next Best

Choice Treble:
PRIDE OF HINDUSTAN
FLYING ARROW
CHIN UP

Flukes:
RED BIRD
ATOMIC

ACCEPTANCES

The following are the Acceptances for Tomorrow's Races:—

THE BELFRY PLATE (Div. II)—6 Furlongs.

Pelion 8-12, Joe Louis 8-12, Bihari 8-12, Desert Kid 8-12, Reshone 8-12, Zalim 8-12, Tawaqul 8-12, The Conqueror 8-12, Furat 8-12, Pretty Town 8-12, Big Boss 8-12, Mack 8-12, Poldo 8-12.

THE CONSOLATION PLATE—6 Furlongs.

Tantalum 9-4, Mirella 9-2, Princess of Hindustan 9-1, Peppermint 7-11, Yearling 9-0, Shirazi 8-8, Navroze 8-8, Glitter 8-5, Peggotty 8-3, Progress 8-1, Nicotine 8-0, Galatea 7-7, Missing Link 7-7.

THE OWEN ROE PLATE—1 Mile. 1 Furlong.

Little John 9-4, Prove It 8-9, On and On 8-8, Jahan Zaib 8-7, Ganga Singh 8-5, Yemin Ul Mulk 8-4, Chandrakor 8-1, Abdel 7-12, Midinette 7-12, Gurjari 7-12, Lalkar 7-10, Izador 7-8, Phone Again 7-7.

THE BELFRY PLATE (Div. I)—6 Furlongs.

Lira Malt 8-12, Triple Aliance 8-12, Heartbreaker, 8-12, Musafir 8-12, Bara Mulla 8-12, Summer Lightning 8-12, Lira Malt 8-12, Triple Alliance 8-12, Pessimist 8-12, Kennereth 8-12.

THE SANTA CRUZ PLATE (Div. II)—1 Mile.

Rashtrapati 9-0, Here Again 8-12, Moulin Rouge 8-11, Hikmet 8-9, Mah-I-Nau 8-8, Coeur d'Or 8-6, Ayaaz 8-6, Vie On 8-4, Lady Cliopatra 8-1, Full Poppy 8-0, Blue Lotus 7-13, Ajinkya Tara II 7-13.

THE DELTA PLATE—6 Furlongs.

Ewelairs 9-2, Thalwil 9-0, Doorani 8-13, Parting Summer 8-7, Pankaj 8-12, Flying Arrow 8-4, Fair Haven 8-2, Full House 8-2, Raj Doot 7-10, Ramal 8-1, New Moon 8-0, Flotilla 7-12, Illicit 7-8, Sunbathing 7-7, Fie 7-3, Red Bird 7-2, Simon's Sister 7-2, Pippy 7-0, Je Reviens 7-0.

THE SANTA CRUZ PLATE (Div. I)—1 Mile.

Prospero 9-0, Malakeh 8-13, Nirvana 8-13, Flying Clipper 8-10, Spring Chicken 8-4, Embarkation 8-3, Atomic 8-1, Cockpit Pride 7-12, Dark Roy 7-11, Windsor Knight 7-11.

THE MAHABLESHWAR PLATE—1 Mile.

Rajput Warrior 9-4, Royal Mantle 9-3, Repartee 9-1, Medallion 9-1, Goodwill 9-0, Chin Up 8-12, Baaz Bahadur 8-8, Truman 8-8, Futurity 8-5, Khundil 8-4, Laila 7-13, Paramount Power 7-9.

New Moon And The Conqueror Shape Exceedingly Well

By Our Track Reporter

BOMBAY, Friday.

The following are the spurts noted this morning at Mahaluxmi:—

OUTER TAN

DESERT KID (A. Ahmed) disposed of MIDINETTE (Diab) when covering three furlongs in 36 2-5 secs. The first-named grey is likely to make amends on Saturday.

FLYING ARROW (Kheem) moved practically in hand when covering three furlongs in 37⅘ secs.

ATOMIC (R.B.) had the easy measure of THE CONQUEROR (Khade) when sent over three. Timing 36 secs. Both are likely to run well tomorrow

EMBARKATION (Damodar) moved smoothly over three furlongs in 37 secs.

HERE AGAIN (Mitchell) moved hard held in front of PHONE AGAIN (R.B.) when covering three furlongs in 27 secs.

TANTALUM (Cunningham) did a speedy three furlongs spurt from 9 to 6 in 38 secs.

PROSPERO (R.B.), SIMON'S SISTER (Medhe) and RASHTRAPATI (R.B.) were concerned in a four furlongs spurt. None fully stretched they clocked 51⅘ secs.

BLUE LOTUS (Argade) held comfortably COCKPIT PRIDE (Cunningham) when making a three furlongs trip in 37 secs.

LIRA MALT (A. Ahmed) did a brisk three furlongs when accompanied by ILLICIT (R.B.) Timing 36 1-5 secs.

RACE GRASS

SHIRAZI (Damodar) beat YEMIN UL MULK (R. Bhosle) when covering three furlongs in 36 1-5 secs.

FURAT (Aurobinda) held KANTAKA (Murad) when negotiating three furlongs in 36⅘ secs.

FULL HOUSE (Russell) and RAJ DOOT (Khalil) lay in close order at the end of a three furlongs burst made in 35⅘ secs.

NEW MOON (Khade) moved exceedingly well when clocking 35 1-5 secs for a three furlongs spin.

NICOTINE (Kheem) covered three furlongs in 36⅘ secs.

PEGGOTTY (Duffy), SPRING CHICKEN (Mulla) and AYAAZ (Russell) did a noteworthy three furlongs trial in 35 3-5 secs.

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, March 25 (API): Following is the daily weather summary for Friday, the 25th March, 1949:

Weather has been dry except for a few thundershowers in Assam, the west Central Provinces and all along the west United Provinces hills. Both day and night temperatures have been appreciably above normal over the region from the north Konkan and Gujarat to north-east India.

Forecast valid until the evening of 26th: Thundershowers will occur locally in Assam. Isolated thunderstorms may occur in the south Bombay, Deccan and the Orissa coast. Day temperatures will rise further in the north Deccan and the north Konkan and fall in the east United Provinces and Bihar.

CHART

POONA, March 25 (API): The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st December, 1948, and departure from normal recorded at 8 hours (IST) on 25th March 1949:

Ahmedabad 102 8 77 0 minus 0.2, Allahabad 67 0 1.5 minus 0.8, Bangalore 0.1 80 0 0.5 minus 0.8, Baroda 0.5 74 0 0.1 minus 0.2, Belgaum 94 66 0 0.2 minus 0.6, Baneras 97 68 0 3.5 plus 1.5, Bombay 89 77 0 minus 0.3, Calcutta 99 67 0 1.4 minus 1.4, Cherrapunji 67 10 0 4.2 minus 4.6, Colombo 90 73 0 14.6 minus 1.4, Darjeeling 65 47 0 2.2 minus 1, Delhi 58 0 1.1 minus 1.1, Hyderabad (Dn) 100 71 0 0 minus 1.4, Jubbulpode 101 66 0 1.1 minus 1.4, Jubbulpore 101 66 0 1.1 minus 0.7, Karachi —16 0 0 minus 1.4, Kodaikanal 71 50 0 4.7 minus 1.3, Lahore 80 54 0 3.9 plus 0.7, Madras 94 70 0 1.7 minus 5.8, Mahableshwar 86 69 0 0 minus 0.6, Mangalore 90 77 0 0 minus 0.8, Marmagao 89—0 0 minus 0.4, Poona 101 71 0 0 minus 0.3, Sholapur 102 75 0 0 minus 0.9, Surat 106 73 0 0.4 plus 0.1, Ootacamund 75 43 0 1.0 minus 3.4, Simla 55 43 0 8.2 minus 8.6.

Radio

BOMBAY, Saturday, March 26.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

31.41 metres (9,550 kc/s)

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12-45 p m Violin Par Sarang 1-0 News (G) 1-10 Bhavgeeten 1-30 News (E) 1-40 You Asked for It

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BARODA

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7-30 a.m. Bhajanika 7-45 Praful Jani (Gujarati songs) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Master Dinanath (Vocal) 8-45 News (G)

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Hindu: Falgun Vad 12, 2005.
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Parsi: Meher 25, 1318.
Sunrise: 6-38 a.m., Sunset 6-52 p.m.
Hightide 10.28, 23.02, Lowtide 04.52, 16.26.

IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: 2-45 p.m. (B.T.).

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

BANKWALLA—Son of Jehangir Fredoon (of 'Bombay Chronicle' Co.) expired at B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital. Aged 8 months. Funeral: Doongarwadi Low Bungli at 8 a.m. (B.T.).

To-day's Engagements

LECTURE ON VEDANTA: Swami Sambuddhananda will deliver a lecture on Self-Knowledge at Batliboi's Accountancy Training Institute (in English) today at 2-40 p.m.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE ON A.I.R.: At 8-30 p.m. on Saturday, March 26th, All-India Radio Bombay will broadcast an eye-witness account of the inaugural session of the First Bombay Provincial Physical Education Conference. The programme will include excerpts of speeches made on the occasion together with a commentary by Hamid Sayanoi. This can be heard on 244 and 41.44 metres.

GAUDIYA MISSION: Upadeshak Swami Sri Nitaidas Bhaktishastri Ragalankarji on "The rarest and greatest fruit of Satsang" in English at Sri Gaudiya Math, Gowalia Tank Road tomorrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m.

F. S. U.: F. S. U. will screen the Soviet films "Naziruddin in Bhokara" in Hindustano and "Magic Fish" tomorrow (Sunday) at Kohinoor Cinema, Dadar (B.B.C.I.) at 10 a.m.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: Exhibition of handicrafts and sewing work at Gilder Tank Building today at 5 p.m. Mr. B. K. Patel will preside and open the exhibition and Mrs. Patel will give away the certificates and prizes.

LABOUR COLLEGE: Asoka Mehta on "Socialism" today at 6-45 p.m. Podar College.

FREE DEMONSTRATION FOR ADULTS of films on "Transportation and Communication" at 91, Walkeshwar Road, Bombay 6, today at 7 p.m.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PRIZES

Thirteen villages in the Southern Division of Bombay Province have been awarded prizes for the improvement work they did in the year 1947. The thirteen villages with the respective amounts of prizes they will receive are:

BELGAUM DISTRICT: Koujalgi in Gokak taluka (Rs. 200); Gurihosur in Parasgad taluka (Rs. 150) and Turkewadi in Chandgad petha (Rs. 100).

BIJAPUR DISTRICT: Kaladgi in Bagalkot taluka (Rs. 200); Dhannur in Hungud taluka (Rs. 150) and Nilgund in Badam taluka (Rs. 100).

DHARWAR DISTRICT: Sidenur in Hirekerur taluka (Rs. 200); Hirehonehalli in Kalghatgi taluka (Rs 150) and Kalkeri in Mundargi petha (Rs. 100)

TEXTILE EXHIBITION CONCLUDES

BOMBAY, Friday.

The industrial exhibition of textile and other products at the V.J.T. Institute Grounds at Matunga under the auspices of the All-India Textile Conference has just concluded after ten days. Every night, the exhibition attracted large crowds, especially women and children who admired the wealth and variety of textile exhibits at various stalls. The exhibition in which all the mills co-operated proved to be a miniature textile emporium in which new styles, patterns and utility trends were emphasised. Though the textiles there were not for sale, people noted many new designs in colour and workmanship. The Conference which was opened by Premier Kher was largely attended by the elite of the city and Captains of industry and many papers concerning topical textile questions were read and discussed. A special Souvenir has been brought out by the Conference with full charts and illustrations of the progress of the textile industry.

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That Nation is worthless that will not, with pleasure, venture all for its honour.

—SCHILLER

A TIMID RETREAT

The latest resolution of the Security Council on the situation in Indonesia represents a timid retreat before the Dutch. Its own commission has given in its reports positive proofs of Dutch responsibility in the non-implementation of its instructions embodied in its resolution of January last. And as if to confirm the U.N. Commission's charges, the Dutch have openly taken a stand in defiant opposition to the Security Council. They never made any secret of their determination to ignore the resolution of January last and to go their own way which was the way of non-recognition of the council's views and indeed its jurisdiction and authority. Any self-respecting organisation, especially the Security Council, the operative organ of a world organisation like the United Nations, was expected to take a serious view of this defiance and to take appropriate measures to force submission on the part of the recalcitrant.

What the Security Council has done is not to vindicate its prestige and authority and the principles of justice but virtually to submit to the Dutch. Mouthing adherence to the January resolution, it has abdicated its authority in favour of the Dutch and surrendered the initiative to them. There are certain fundamental requirements on which the whole resolution of January last was built up. The most important was the recognition and restoration of the Indonesian Republic and its capital Jogjakarta. That was the first condition for the implementation of other instructions designed to establish a truce and create the conditions of a peaceful settlement between two parties. It is not clear whether there will be restored to recognised status the second party as the first step! Then again the Security Council resolution practically accepts the Dutch plan for a Round Table Conference without caring to ensure that its own representatives take active interest in it as the international authority that has made the Indonesian problem its own concern. Under the new resolution the Dutch have been given sovereign freedom to do whatever pleases them and whatever they think fit. It may be that the Canadian resolution is guided by the requirements and implications of the Atlantic Pact. But the West is giving, as the Indian Prime Minister observed the other day, the first priority to considerations of Western strategy to the definite and distinct prejudice of the rights and interests of Indonesia and the feelings and sentiments of Asia. For local expediency, the West is sacrificing principles of democracy and justice, the prestige and obligations of the United Nations' Security Council and the faith and goodwill of Asia.

Medical Relief In Rural Areas

Various problems of public health in the province came up for discussion in the Bombay Assembly on Thursday in connection with grants for medical relief. The old question of inadequate medical facilities in rural areas cropped up once again, and Dr. Gilder, Minister for Public Health, admitted that, though the province had a fairly large number of doctors, they continue to congregate in urban areas. Evidently the system of subsidising private practitioners has not met with much success. To induce more of them to stay in villages, Government has now sanctioned a substantial increase in their subsides and allowances. Government has also decided to increase the number of village hospitals and dispensaries. But the present pace of starting two or three village hospitals per year is too slow to satisfy the needs of the province in a reasonable time.

We doubt if Government would assume full responsibility for providing adequate direct medical relief in all rural areas in the near future. More private practitioners will continue to be necessary and to be subsidised by Government. But very few medical graduates care to stay permanently in villages. They have to incur a huge outlay on their five years training, exclusive of the two years' pre-medical science course in a college. They naturally hope to earn a due return for their outlay only in the towns and cities. In the circumstances, Government should either appreciably reduce the cost of training medical graduates or should devise a simpler licentiate course. That course may be one of four years after the first year science examination. We do not approve of the proposal to discontinue the present licentiate course. That proposal assumes that there is injustice in having two classes of doctors, graduates and licentiates. But there is no more injustice in this system than that of two or more classes of teachers or engineers. The injustice in the medical field is in making the licentiate course but slightly shorter than that for graduates and yet giving the licentiates a status far inferior to that of graduates. This question should be reconsidered by a responsible committee including a fair number of licentiates and non-medical men. The governing principle in deciding the question should be that if a large number of practitioners are necessary for rural areas, they must be trained in a reasonably short time at a cost that can attract the requisite number of trainees.

It has been suggested that the adoption of the Ayurvedic Unani or Homoeopathic system might help to reduce the cost of medical relief. There will no doubt be appreciable economy in the use of drugs recommended by these systems. But the Yodh Committee has made it clear that there will not be much economy in training students in these systems if the necessary standard of instruction is to be maintained. We must here reiterate our view that the best policy is to give all medical students in the first instance a course, licentiate or graduate, in modern medicine, recognised all over the world, and then offer a short diploma specialised in course in Ayurved, Homoeopathy, etc, for such licentiates and graduates as desire to take the diploma course. The time has come when the Central Government should examine the whole question of medical education in India.

Foreign Capital

The news from Delhi that, according to "well-informed quarters," Pandit Nehru is expected to indicate in Parliament early in April the Government of India's policy with regard to the employment of foreign capital is evidently a feeler to enable the authorities to know the reaction of the public to a general statement before the details are finally decided upon. Foreign investors, we are told in general terms, will be welcomed in India and will be assured of exchange facilities to enable them to send home their profits in this country. More significant is the assurance that they will be protected against loss "in the event of their undertakings being acquired by Indian investors or by the State at a future date." So generally stated, the assurance has nothing in it that is unreasonable or unexpected and certainly nothing to be alarmed at. Indian economists or businessmen have never objected to the very principle of foreign capital. They rightly objected to any special safeguards for the foreign investors. But now they are to be told that, while there is to be no discrimination against foreign capital on the ground that it is foreign, all the capital invested here will be subject to the laws of the land. Foreign concerns will be subject to all the control that will be exercised over indigenous ones, and a recent Bill requires certain concerns "to provide facilities for the training of technicians and labour." It should be possible for the Government to have legislative power to prevent indigenous concerns from being injured by foreign ones, to train Indians in new types of business and even to nationalise industries when necessary—the public interest. In the present industrial conditions in India we shall certainly be benefited by foreign capital be foreign enterprise so long as these are available without prejudice to the country. The time will not be long before we can be quite self-reliant.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

POONA: Inquiries showed that the Board had taken all reasonable precautions to see that there was no leakage. The printing of the papers had been entrusted to the Yeravda Central Prison Press. They had been printed by long-term prisoners to ensure secrecy.

—Press Report re: leakage of S.S.C. Examination papers.

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Supporting protection for the Sugar industry, Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhri said in the Indian Parliament: "Of all the beloved objects in the world, animate or inanimate, there is nothing more beloved than sugar. (laughter) There is nothing more sweet than sugar. There is sweetness in many things, sweetness in smile, in speech, in the fragrance of flowers, but all that sweetness disappears in course of time. It is only in sugar that the sweetness does not disappear: we love it when we are babies, when we are grown-ups, when we are old...."

Enough. We are convinced. Boy, Khatta lemon lao.

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The Afghan Government has issued a communique strongly criticising the Pakistan Governor-General's reference to tribal areas as an integral part of Pakistan.

The Afghan Government must clearly have been instigated—and financed—by one, "Pandit Sahib" from the Indian Union.

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House rationing in Karachi will be enforced soon at "the point of the bayonet", a spokesman of the Karachi administration told the press today.

—A.P.I.

It is suggested that rationing authorities should be accompanied by Doctors and nurses furnished, of course, with full first aid equipment. Also a Magistrate.

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In a resolution passed by the United Nations Trusteeship Council at Lake Success, Britain has been urged to "further intensify its efforts to eliminate racial discrimination" in Tanganyika.

It is to be hoped that this is not taken as an injunction to eliminate the coloured and solve the whole problem.

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Sardar K. M. Panikkar, Indian Ambassador in China, is reported to have said in Calcutta that "prospects of peace are fairly good in China."

What peace?

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NEW YORK, March 24: Demonstrators with the slogan "Communists are not welcome here" will form picket lines round the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here when the international "World Peace" Conference opens tomorrow night.

Communists ought to derive great gratification from the fact that they are being imitated.

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In the Commons debate on Germany and Eastern Europe, Mr. Bevin discounted suggestions that the Western Powers were losing the "cold war"....

Even though they may be losing the warm war in China, etc.

Mr. Bevin added he did not believe Western Germany would ever go Communist.

Do the three allies plan to maintain the occupation for ever.

51 INJURED IN JAIL CLASH

BANGALORE, March 25, (API): Fifty-one persons were injured in a clash between prisoners and warders in the Bangalore Central Gaol on Tuesday, following a protest demonstration by convicts and detenus over the transfer of their prison mates to another gaol.

The injured include 12 warders. The situation is now under control.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

(By "Citizen")

A rather unusual and strange spectacle of the majority party moving an amendment to a proposition put forward by a member of the Opposition, getting it passed and then voting down the same amendment when it was put to vote as a substantive proposition — and the opposition with equal contrariness took the exact reverse— was witnessed in the City Corporation, this week. The result was that a useful proposition discussed by the House for over an hour ended in nothing concrete coming out of the discussion. The mover of the proposition was Dr. A. R. Rangnekar the newly-elected representative of the Walkeshwar Ward who drew attention to the adulteration of milk in the city sold at milk shops as well as by vendors and suggested that the Health Department should take steps to stop such adulteration by making the supervising staff more vigilant and by taking drastic action against the offenders. The mover made out a good case for his suggestion. A number of speakers participated in the discussion and made several suggestions as to how the object could be achieved. One of them moved an amendment to the effect that the matter should be sent to the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee for consideration. The mover of the original proposition did not agree to this idea and his party voted against the amendment when it was put to vote. The amendment was, however, carried by a large majority, but, when it was put to vote again as a substantive proposition, the Socialists who had earlier opposed it voted for it while the Congress party whose amendment it was voted it down. One wished the parties in the Corporation, whether the Congress majority or the Socialist Opposition, look to the merits of the matters they discuss rather than vote for or against every preposition merely in a partisan manner and let useful and constructive suggestions made on the floor of the House go by default.

B.E.S.T. COMMITTEE

The second day in the week was almost completely taken up by the minutes of the B.E.S.T. Committee placed on the table of the House. Several Opposition members criticised the minutes at considerable length. They charged the Committee for either not supplying sufficient information to the Corporation or suppressing the same. There was a unanimous demand from the Opposition for fuller and further information. One of the speakers quoted a passage from a book entitled "Municipal Trading in Britain" and pointed out that every effort was made in that country to give maximum information to the public about such undertakings. The minutes of the organisation managing the entire transport of London could be brought by any one for a paltry payment of a shilling. While here only one typed copy of these minutes was being supplied to 117 members, and this time also cry was raised that the three or four members who spoke on the subject had managed between them with great difficulty to go through the minutes. The minutes were described as scanty and faulty.

The Congress Party did not participate in the discussion the only answer their leader Mr. Patil speaking on a point of order made was that "if the minutes were scanty they were scanty. The House has to accept them as they are. They cannot be sent back nor can they be altered". An amendment moved by Mr. Naushir Bharucha, a constant critic of the B.E.S.T. affairs expressing concern at the minutes and asking for more information was ruled out of order. Another amendment moved by Mr. V. S. Velinkar that in future fuller minutes should be supplied was voted down. The Opposition, however, seems to be bent upon raising the issue every time it gets an opportunity and repeat their demand that the first Municipalised concern in the premier city must work in a full blaze of publicity.

MAYORAL ELECTION

The stage is now properly set for the Mayoral election that takes place next week. The Socialist Party have nominated Mr. V. S. Velinkar, the senior-most member of the Party in the House for the Mayoral contest. There is, of course, no chance of the Socialist nominee being elected and the success of Mr. S. K. Patil the Congress nominee is a foregone conclusion. But if the voting on the election for the representatives of the Corporation on the Port Trust is any indication then Mr. Velinkar is sure to record a fairly large number of votes. In the contest for the Port Trust seats the two Congress nominees received 56 and 54 votes each while the Socialist nominee collected as many as 38 votes. Here once again the minority was a victim of the distributive system of voting. If, instead the system of cumulative voting or of proportional representation were introduced for such elections at least, then as much as one-third of the House would not go unrepresented even when there are more than two or three seats to be filled.

In this connection, the very valuable suggestions made once again by Dr. R. P. Paranjpye deserve serious consideration from the Government and if minorities, not communal but political, are not to be muzzled then it is high time that the Government looked into the matter and introduced necessary amendments to the Acts that do not permit this. When the Government was introducing this change last year for the elections to the Borough Municipalities, Dr. R. P. Paranjpye had raised his voice of protest against it but it went unheed. Undaunted by it, he has once again raised the same voice of wisdom and it remains to be seen if in the light of experience so far gained the Government will see their way to affect the necessary change.

PARTIES AND THEIR STRENGTH

Reverting to the Mayoral election I find that the figures about the actual strength of various parties and groups in the Corporation is not being correctly reported in the local press. The total strength of the House is 117 and not 106. The latter figure is that of the elected representatives from the general constituencies. To that are to be added the four representative elected by Registered Trade Unions and as many others elected by other bodies like the Bombay University the Indian Merchants Chamber, the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and the Bombay Millowners' Association and three Ex-officio members and thus we get the figure 117. The present party strength in the House is Congress 58, Socialists 28, Scheduled Caste Federation Group 13, Communists 7, Independents 8 and ex-officio members 3. The Congress strength which was originally 46 has been augmented by the Muslim members of the House who were elected on the Muslim League ticket, having joined the Congress Party. The mention of the Muslim League Group as a separate entity is no more correct and it must also be said all the 11 Muslim Leaguers have not joined the Congress Party. Seven of them had joined originally and one of them at least is reported to have resigned since. Four of them had remained independents.

The reference in a section of the press that the Scheduled Caste Federation support will go to the Congress nominee is also far from correct. This group has been consistently voting with the Opposition for the last twelve months and if their day to day voting is any indication then their votes are more likely to go to the candidate put up by the Opposition. As I said above, if the voting for the Port Trust seats is any indication then the Socialist nominee can be easily expected to collect at least 40 to 45 votes if not more leaving the rest for Mr. Patil. This will definitely be better than their nominee did last year when she secured just 28 votes and Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas the present Mayor got as many as 82 votes.

SUBURBAN AFFAIRS

The election contest in the suburbs for the Parle Andheri Municipality is gathering momentum every day. As the date for polling approaches canvassing by some candidates is becoming more brisk while some of the candidates are withdrawing from the field. One or two such withdrawals are of prominent Congressmen who were contesting the elections as independents. One of them is reported to have done so in disgust at the manner in which communal and caste prejudices are being exploited by some other independents. To my mind this is the result of the Congress party keeping out of the contest. If they had entered the fight on party lines, there would have been a straight fight between them and the Socialists and, irrespective of the fact as to which party would have been favoured by the Ballot box, it would surely have eliminated a large number of independent candidates who owing no loyalty to any one carry on their campaign in any manner they like. What is worse they are free to behave in any manner they like if they are elected and as any one having some knowledge about civic affairs of the suburbs can tell us such unattached and indisciplined members have been the cause of the mess that has been created in the past.

The Socialists are now organising public meetings and several local city fathers have already addressed more than one meeting in the suburbs and appealed to the voters to support their comrades. The Socialist manifesto is also published and extensively circulated among the voters. It promises to provide better sanitation, stoppage of leakages in taxation, community centres and day-to-day attention by the elected representatives to the civic needs and grievances of their constituents.

PARULEKAR REPORT

The long awaited report of Mr. K. V. Parulekar, special officer appointed by the Corporation to report on the revision of the constitution, powers and duties of the Schools Committee and on some educational and administrative problems of primary education in the city has just been published. It is an imposing volume of 400 pages and has been circulated to the members of the House only a couple of days back. It will come up as an urgent item for consideration probably next week and the official proposal is to appoint a small committee of the members of the House to study the report and to make suggestion to the House. I have not yet gone through the report carefully but even on a cursory look at it I can say that it looks like a useful report dealing not only with the affairs of the Schools Committee but also discussing subjects like Adult education, Pre-School education, Text books for Schools, Teaching of Hindustani in schools, Medical inspection of school children and the questions of Milk supply and Mid-day meals to these children.

The report will no doubt provide the basis for a discussion of the educational subjects of this great city and as such it is expected to receive a good deal of attention not only from the city fathers but from all those interested in the educational problems of this city as well as other cities in the country.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

An Interesting Question

A Washington message dated March 24 says: "The United States does not intend to participate, in the foreseeable future, in further regional pacts —either for the Mediterranean or Far Eastern areas—to supplement the North Atlantic Pact treaty of mutual defence, it was learned authoritatively here." The practical need of limiting, for the present, U.S. resources and activities to only one regional pact can be understood. But the Atlantic Pact represents a system of defence against possible Soviet aggression. If that is so, the possibilities of that aggression are as strong in the Mediterranean and the Pacific as in the Atlantic. To take one obvious instance, Greece, Turkey and Iran have earned the unfriendly attentions of the Soviet Union. What happens if this attention takes a more positively dangerous turn. These countries have been assured of the deep interest of the United States in them. Suppose one, if not more, of them, becomes a victim of Soviet aggressiveness? What does the U. S. propose to do in that case?

Welcome Appointment

It had been known for some time that Shrimati Vijayalakshmi Pandit was the likely choice for the post of India's Ambassador in Washington. But even though anticipated, the official announcement of her transfer to Washington deserves to be welcomed. There could have been no happier and fitter choice for filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of Sir B. Rama Rau. Shrimati Vijayalakshmi is well-known in the United States as an eminent representative of India and an impressive, statesman. She has deservedly won popularity among the people of the United States both as an "unofficial Ambassador" during the days of the Francisco conference of the United Nations and as India's Chief Delegate to the U. N. Assembly. In the latter capacity she has exacted esteem and admiration from the representatives of the nations of the world and has emerged as an international figure of high stature. It is interesting and gratifying to note that her transfer has already been greeted with pleasure in America. We are confident that she will prove a great success in Washington as well as Lake Success.

Wanted An Inquiry

The incident in which the police had to fire on a defiant and riotous crowd in a village in Ahmednagar District will be deeply regretted by the public and by none more than the authorities concerned. If the facts are as stated and if we may assume that all possible peaceful methods had first been tried and failed, the firing was almost inevitable. However, it is desirable for Government to institute suitable inquiries in all such cases to ascertain all the relevent facts. Else the police are likely to assume that they have a licence to adopt drastic methods indiscriminately. An inquiry is also necessary to ascertain who abetted the villagers to be so violent in a patiently lawless act as resisting the removal of grain already purchased by Government. The common people are hardly likely to encourage such lawlessness. They realise that Government has adopted the levy system in the interests of the public and in response to public demand. They realise too that if there is any injustice done in any particular case it is their duty to approach their own popular Government in a constitutional manner for redress and that violent resistance is doomed to be futile. It is clear that either misguided communists or other irresponsible people have instigated the resistance to law. No attempt should be spared to trace these men and bring them to book.

O, Cursed Spite

Things must have come to a pretty bad pass when the honest student cannot take a peek into his examination papers a little in advance of the correct hour when the red seal is snapped and the torture sheet distributed amongst the trembling victims. From city after city comes the report that a leakage of examination papers has been spotted. What an outlook for the student world. For if examination papers were secret, even more secret were the leakages that occurred. In fact, it was more usual for the questions to be circulated by word of mouth than in writing, and the answers. The authorities are investigating the leakages of papers but it is necessary that students should work out how they are being found out. We refuse to believe that our boys are becoming more unscrupulous than we were. But there is ample evidence that they are definitely less intelligent and less careful. Besides, nowadays examinations have ceased so much to be the thing of awe they were that students regarding them as just another unpleasant experience to be got over. Something, however, must be done to check this disease whether it is that of cheating or the other of being found out. After all, what is necessary in the average man or woman is not knowledge nor memory but the sense to know where to look for things. Let our examinations be conducted in an atmosphere of easy access to books and then let us test which students give the best answers. That way we would assuredly get better men than we are able to secure now.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Plight Of Sindhi Refugees

Sir,—The condition of poor Sindhi Refugees scattered throughout India is growing from bad to worse. May I appeal through this papey to the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister of Indian Dominion to collect data about the incidence of disease, deaths among Sindhi Refugees in camps in India and places like Kalyan, Bomoay, Indore, Ajmer, Lucknow, Ujjain, Jaipur, Godhra and Saurashtra States? Figures may also be kindly collected about the thefts of their property and the percentage thereof traced and restored to them as they are suffering heavy losses thereby as well. I would further request the Government to remedy these difficulties of Sindhi Refugees, and also to the Public of Indian Dominion in General to sympathise and help them in the sad plight in which they find themselves for no fault of their own.—Yours etc.

S. S. AHUJA

Why This Dear Sugar?

Sir, The factory-price of sugar in foreign countries is Rs. 16 or 17 per maund. As labour is cheaper, the factory-price should have been less here, but our profiteering millowners have placed it at Rs. 28/8 per maund. They have been taking an ill advantage of the heavy import duty imposed by the Central Government on foreign sugar to protect the Indian industry. Not only are the people paying this heavy price, but the Government is also losing much of income tax and our sugar trade with Pakistan is now lost to the cheaper Cuban sugar.

Government should, therefore, minutely investigate and fix the true factory price. The alternative is to reduce the import duty to an extent that the true factory price automatically reveals itself. The recent rise in the price of home-made salt in Bengal due to the import duty levied on foreign salt is an example how protection—unless carefully provided —is ill used by the Capitalist.—Yours etc.

D. N. CAPOOR

BIKANER

Manning The Administration

Sir,—In the recent advertisement for the competitive examinations to be held in July for the I.A.S. etc., the age-limit has been fixed as 24 years, and for political sufferers this has been extended up to 35 years as a special concession. There is no precedent for this. Why should there be such a dispensation? The examination is meant to recruit people to the top services of the country and showing preference regarding age-limit to politicals is contraverting the traditions of this service. It is like a premium placed for interference in politics among the student community. This is an unhealthy portent and will be an excuse for other parties taking the place of the Congress to adopt similar methods to reward followers.

The administration services have to be neutral on all political issues. There is hardly any task today more important than the recruitment of our services, since on them will fall the burden of government. If jailgoing can be considered the best qualification for this, then it is a case of a serious lapse of public duty. If the idea is to convert the administrative machine into a party machine, then this is a short-cut to fascism. Already there are disquieting rumours from Saurashtra and E. Punjab pertaining to the methods adopted in by-passing the P.S.C.'s.—Yours etc.,

A. A. T. LOBO

S.S.C. Examination

Sir,—It is utterly inexcusable on the part of the S.S.C. Examination Board to allow such flippancies and flaws of which the innocent candidates were the victims at the recent S.S.C. Examination. It is a fact that there was a shortage of question papers at two centres, some candidates' numbers were not at all found while others were in duplicate. Even in announcing the seat numbers and places of appearing, there was such delay that difficulty was experienced by the candidates. For three consecutive days thousands of the candidates flocked to Elphinstone College to see their numbers on account of the notice put there, daily changing the date of announcement, while only on the fourth day couple of days before the exam at about 1 p.m. on Saturday seat numbers appeared at the Elphinstone School and not at the College as announced. Imagine, the sheer waste of time—precious time—of the students in coming and going for three days from long distances.

Nonchalance on the part of the Board does not stop here. I had written to the S. S. C. Board, Poona through the principal of the school in connection with the change of the centre. I regret to say that despite my writing to them four letters they had not the courtesy to reply it soon. Only after two months, I got the reply. I request the authorities to be more alert and take up the matter in hand.—Yours etc.

PRAFULLA S. MEHTA.

OPEN AIR

One of the most hardy plants in my garden is the Ipecacuanha, which bears heads of small flowers with five turned-back petals of tawny-orange, surrounding a ring of five large golden stamens. The fruits contain a large number of small flat seeds, each with its "parachute" of fine silken hairs. When the fruit ripens and bursts open, these little seeds are borne away by the slightest breeze, and we see them drifting like thistle down over the garden, and later we discover new plants in the most unexpected places. It is fortunate that they are such prolific seed-bearers for the plant attracts the Tiger butterfly, whose tawny and black wings match the colour of the flowers as those of the Wanderer match the plumbago, and while one hesitates to call any of these lovely insects a pest, the Tiger butterfly certainly is where the Ipecacuanha is concerned. It lays its eggs on the young leaves of the plant, and the caterpillars, pale blue and black-striped, with yellow markings and black, bristly hairs, soon strip the plant of every leaf and then attack the buds and leaves as well.

D. R.

IPECACUANHA — PLAIN TIGER BUTTERFLY

INDIAN SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE TO BE ENCOURAGED

T. B. Hospitals For Province: Health Minister's Reply

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY SANCTIONS DEMANDS FOR GRANTS: BUDGET DISCUSSION CONCLUDES

BOMBAY, FRIDAY:

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY TOTALLING TO RS. 150 76,17,500 WERE SANCTIONED BY THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TODAY. THE GRANTS PERTAIN TO RS. 83,48,46,100, BEING EXPENDITURE FROM REVENUE, RS. 93 10 66,600, BEING EXPENDITURE CHARGED TO CAPITAL AND RS. 4,17 67,000, BEING EXPENDITURE UNDER DEBT, DEPOSITS AND REMITTANCE HEADS. THE SANCTION OF THE DEMANDS BROUGHT TO A CLOSE THE TWELVE-DAY DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET, FOR 1949-50.

Guillotine was applied by the Speaker at five o'clock, two hours before closing time, so that all the demands made by the Government could be voted.

INDIAN MEDICINE

"The future system of Indian medicine is neither Ayurvedic, nor Unani, nor Western, but a synthesis of the best in all the three", stated Dr. M. D. Gilder, Minister for Public Health, Government of Bombay.

The Minister stated that the Government was determined to see that the Indian Systems came up to the same level as the Western System, and enjoyed the same status. It was for this that Government had set certain standards of proficiency and qualification.

Neither in Courts of Law, nor in the ability to issue certificates, was any discrimination made. Government had appointed a committee under Dr. K. S. Mhaskar and certain practitioners of Indian and foreign systems to help the Government, to chalk out a scheme of research, in Ayurved and Unani systems. They felt that researches on diabetes, snake-bite and other ailments and afflictions, could be easily handled, by indigenous practitioners.

He said, "what does it matter to the patient, whether the medicine which cures him comes from below the earth or from the skies, from the West or from here."

The Minister revealed that under the subsidised medical relief plan they had deputed to the village 97 Allopaths, 107 Ayurvedics and 11 Unani practioners.

The Minister's reply rose out of a cut motion moved yesterday, by Dr. M. N. Natu in order to discuss the report of the Indian Systems of Medicine Enquiry Committee.

The motion was withdrawn.

The next cut moved by the same member sought to raise a debate on the grants given to medical schools and colleges.

Dr. Natu spoke about the congestion obtaining in city hospitals and the difficulty of people in gaining admission into them. The poorer classes were put to great hardships by this paucity of medical facilities.

NEED FOR T. B. HOSPITAL

Mr. R. A. Khedgikar said that it was surprising that a leading Province like Bombay did not have a single T. B. Hospital run by Government.

Mr. Maganlal Shah wanted the efficiency in hospitals to be raised by preventing doctors attached to hospitals from having private practice. Their salaries and emoluments could be increased.

Replying to the debate, Dr. Gilder announced that difficulties in obtaining a suitable structure to house a T. B. Hospital, and the paucity in building material were responsible for the delay in this matter, and not insufficiency of funds. The blame, if any, rested on him, and not on the Finance Minister, who was always ready to do the needful, in the matter of finances. But, the T. B. Hospital at Aundh had come under their jurisdiction, since March 4, and they were getting it equipped. Government had also been offered a palace by the Ruler of a merged Gujerat State, as well as some lands and a cash donation, for this purpose. This was under Government consideration.

Referring to some suggestions regarding the B.C.G. Vaccine, the Minister said that the vaccine was intended to give immunity, to those persons, who had not developed any immunity. Most city dwellers, had built up some sort of immunity, but rural dwellers, had not done it in the same degree.

The Government of India, at present paid all the expenses for manufacturing the serum for vaccination. But, the Provinces, were expected to train up a cadre of men who could do the work. The vaccine was produced at a single centre in India and its production was controlled and supervised by the World Health Organisation. There was no compulsion on anybody with regard to vaccination.

The Health Minister mentioned that there were about five lakhs of deaths by tuberculosis in India. The B.C.G. Vaccine was expected to build the immunity of the people and reduce this high average.

DOCTORS AND PRIVATE PRACTICE

Referring to the suggestion that doctors working in hospitals, must not be allowed to do private practice, Dr. Gilder said that in the pay structure the Government had inherited from the previous Government, private practice was allowed. He added, "When a patient is ill, a doctor is a God, when he is cured, a doctor is a man and when he presents his bill, he is a devil."

The cut motion was withdrawn, while the remaining cuts, were guillotined, for want of time.

REUTER DELEGATION IN CALCUTTA

Reuter Goodwill Mission being received at Dum Dum Air Port Calcutta. From left to right: Shri. Amal Hne, Director of Publicity, W. Bengal Government, Sri. T. K. Ghose, Editor of "Amrit Bazar Patrika", Mr. C. J. Chancellor (member of the Mission) Mr. W. J. B. Walker, General Manager of the "Statesman" and Lord Layton (Leader of the Mission).

"THE PRESS & ONE WORLD"

Lord Layton On Need For Free Flow Of Information

CALCUTTA, March 25, (APD): Freedom of information was not only a basic human right but it was a condition of world peace and the advancement of civilisation, said Lord Layton, Leader of the Reuter Goodwill Delegation now visiting India, in a broadcast from Calcutta centre of All India Radio tonight. Lord Layton's talk which was on "The Press and One World" was recorded at the studio yesterday.

Lord Layton added that the true Journalist should be pledged to assist by every means in his power the free flow of unbiassed truth throughout the world.

FREE PRESS, A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

Giving three reasons why the world regarded a Free Press, and the right of access to information on which a Free Press must be based, as one of the fundamental rights, Lord Layton said:

(1) In the first place knowledge is Power. Every individual is entitled to draw from, and share in humanity's common pool of knowledge to the utmost extent that his capabilities permit. Tampering with knowledge at its source is one of the unpardonable sins.

(2) But access to knowledge is not merely an abstract principle. In the wold of today public opinion influences the actions of the Governments in most great countries. If that public opinion is ill-informed or for any reason misconceives or misunderstands the purposes of its neighbours, there is a very real danger that the world will fall into chaos. We are more dependent on one another than ever before in history and cannot isolate our countries from one another. Ours has become "One World" and we can only effectively play our part if we know what is happening in it.

(3) The third and in some respects most important reason is that there can only be peace in the world if the nations understand one another's problems and if there is built up between them a sentiment of friendship and goodwill. This can only come from knowledge of one another.

ROLE OF PTI-REUTER

"The free flow of information is not purely a matter for Governments and it cannot be achieved by legislation alone," continued Lord Layton. "Indeed, Governments will always be primarily concerned to explain their own policies to their own citizens and to those of other countries"

The partnership that we have just concluded with the Indian Press arises from the conviction that an international organisation of the Press of various countries working independently of Governments can do much to ensure the free flow of news throughout the world.

"Moreover, if the organisation is truly international, its staff will be drawn from many races and that fact will be a safeguard against the news being biased in the interest of any one country. Indeed the employment of journalists of many nationalities will help to create an international outlook."

INQUIRY INTO INDIAN RAILWAYS

Kunzru Committee Suggests Methods Of Effecting Economies

"The (Railway) Budget for 1948-49 has placed the operating expenses of the post-partition railways amounting to 4-5ths of the old route mileage at Rs. 147.15 crores, which considering the route mileage and the gross receipts is very high. When the post-war plans are completed, there will be an increase in the Capital-at-charge and, therefore, in interest charges. Further, the implementation of the Adjudicator's Award and the full adoption of the Pay Commission's scales could, increase the expenditure substantially. The new result, therefore, will be by no means satisfactory and the immediate future of the railways can by no means be considered bright.

"The statistical survey of the major operating and rolling-stock statistics indicates, with minor exceptions, that there has been a substantial fall in the standard of efficiency and performance since 1938-39. During the war years, the standard had improved but this was not maintained".

MEASURES TO EFFECT ECONOMIES

With this conclusion, the Kunzru Committee to inquire into Indian Railways rounds up a detailed study of working conditions on the railways and suggests several methods of effecting economies.

The Railway Enquiry Committee was appointed in 1947 with the terms of reference (1) to suggest ways and means of securing improvement in net earnings by (a) economies in all branches of railway administration, and (b) any other means; and (2) to ascertain the extent of staff surplus to requirements and suggest practical methods of absorbing them in railway service.

The Committee was constituted in 1947 with Mr. K. C. Neogy as the Chairman but in 1948 Mr. Neogy was appointed a Minister in the Central Government and Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru was asked to replace him. Communal and political troubles in the country delayed the work of the Committee. In addition to that the basis of the second reference was destroyed when, acting on the Adjudicator's Award, Government prejudged the issue and declared that there could be no retrenchment but rather increase of staff on the railways. "The Committee, therefore, interpreted the second term of reference in a general manner but have not hesitated to indicate the surplus staff in certain branches when considerations of economy and efficiency necessitated their doing so.

DETERIORATION IN MORALE

According to the Report, a considerable deterioration in the morale and efficiency of the railway workers has taken place during the last few years owing, we believe, primarily to the continued inflation and the worsening of the cloth and food situation causing a reduction in the standard of living in spite of increase in earnings. In addition, there are other factors such as the growth of subversive influences, failure to appreciate that increased production is a national necessity, and dilution of staff. We, therefore, consider that our suggestions for an improvement in service and morale of men must be on a long term basis. These suggestions require better service conditions, better training, better chances for advancement, better living conditions, improved supervisions and, above all, better discipline and the creation of "esprit de corps" and the building up of a tradition of national service as speedily as possible".

CENTRAL ORGANISATION CONDEMNED

The Committee condemn the present Central organisation under which the Railway Board is part of the Secretariat of the Government of India, as not quite satisfactory and recommend in its place the creation of a Statutory Authority for the control and management of the Union Railways. But they wish it to be constituted about five years from now. The Authority should be charged with the following responsibilities: "The Authority shall develop throughout the Union of India an efficient, adequate and economical system of railway transport for passengers and goods. They shall have due regard to the interests of agriculture, industry, commerce and the general public, and to the interest of their staff and safety." The Authority suggested is to consist of the Chairman and six Members. One member is to be nominated by the Finance Minister for known capacity in financial matters and there is to be one member who has shown capacity in the organisation of workers. The Transport Minister is to be invested with the power to give directions to the Authority in matters affecting the national interest but only after consultation with the Authority.

OUTSTANDING STUDY

Detailed recommendations regarding investigations relating to the most economical and serviceable track, improvements in the workshops, compilation of statistics on which the Committee places the greatest importance, better supervision, increased facilities for research, speedy adjustments of workers' grievances and closer relations between officers and men make the report an outstanding study of the problem. Special reference is made to shortages in locomotives, coaching stock and wagons. Repairs to all three are heavily in arrears; output from the workshops is "much lower than their capacity and even below the current requirements of the railways"; "though some of the workshops require remodelling or modification which should be carried out without delay, in our opinion, the present deplorable condition of our workshops is largely attributable to faulty direction and management. Where there is persistent deterioration in the output in the workshops, the blame lies chiefly on the head of the department and his senior officers". Replacement of locomotives is recommended on a 40-year basis, subject to rigid condition tests.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS.

BOMBAY, March 25.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. M. D. Naidu, Mr. Parikh, Moulvi Cachalia, Mr. Salebhoy K. Barodawala and his son, Rana Birpal Singh and Shree Ramkrishna.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh lunched with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wang at the Taj Mahal Hotel.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh attended a Reception given by the Mayor of Bombay at the Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Gardens.

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LORD LAYTON.

NEW DELHI, March 25. (A.P.I.): Lord Layton, leader of the Reuter Goodwill Delegation accompanied by Mr. Malcolm Graham, member of the Delegation arrived here from Calcutta this afternoon. Mr. C. J. Chancellor, General Manager of Reuter, London arrived here yesterday.

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LT. COL KOTHAWALA.

At the annual general meeting of the Bombay Presidency Trades Association held on Friday, Lt.-Col. J. D. Kothawala, Director of Polson, Ltd., was the first Indian to be elected on its Executive Committee.

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MR. MORARJI DESAI.

Mr. Morarji R. Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue, will leave Bombay on Tuesday, March 29, for Jamkhandhi and Mudhol and return on Thursday, March 31.

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NEHRU FOR MUZAFFARPUR.

MUZAFFARPUR, March 24. (A. P. I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, is expected to visit Muzaffarpur on April 2.

During his stay here he will lay the foundation stone of a memorial to Khudiram Bose, the revolutionary leader of Bengal, who was hanged on August 11, 1908.

MR. AFTAB RAI.

BUENOS AIRES, March 25. (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Aftab Rai, Indian Consul-General in Buenos Aires, will shortly be appointed Charge d'Affaires here pending the appointment of India's first Ambassador to Argentine, it was reliably learned to-day.

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MR. JAGJIVAN RAM.

CUTTACK, March 25. (U.P.I.): Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Minister, Government of India, will arrive here on April 13, and remain untill the 16th according to a communication received to-day

NEED FOR EXHIBITION OF HEALTH FILMS

NEW DELHI, March 25. (A.P.I.): Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Minister for Health, said here today that exhibition of health films was badly needed at present in India to bring home to the people the devices of living a clean and healthy life.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, who was inaugurating the second series of audio-visual health campaign, said that she was trying to have more money from Government for organising the health campaign through exhibition of films on a wider scale.

The Audio-visual health campaign was organised by the Director-General of Health Services. A series of films showing ordinary devices through which common diseases can be checked are being exhibited for the good of the masses.

TELEPHONE TRUNK CALLS FOR HYDERABAD

NEW DELHI, March 25.

Ordinary telephone trunk calls to and from Hyderabad (Deccan) will be available to the public from April 1, 1949.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE TO BE RAISED

Select Committee Proposes 20 For Males And 15 For Females

NEW DELHI, March 25 (API): A Select Committee of the Indian Parliament has approved a proposal to raise the marriagable age of males from 18 to 20 and of females from 14 to 15.

The Committee, which presented its report to the Parliament today, was appointed to consider Pt. Thakurdas Bhargava's Bill further to amend the Child Marriage Restraint Act.

The Committee feels that the punishment of fine prescribed in the original act is not deterrent enough and that courts should be vested with power to award simple imprisonment in suitable cases.

UNEQUAL MARRIAGES

It, however, thinks that the mover's proposal to restrict marriages between females below the age of 18 and males above the age of 45 are both undesirable and unworkable and has accordingly eliminated those provisions from Pt. Bhargava's Bill. The Committee does not agree with the provision for the execution of bonds as security for preventing consummation of marriages in certain cases.

Pt. Bhargava also presented the Select Committee's report on his Bill to provide that marriages between Hindus, Sikh, Jains and their different castes and sub-castes are valid.

The Committee wants its provisions to be extended to Acceeding States also.

BRITAIN WINS TOP HONOURS

Sir Lawrence Oliver Bags "Oscar" Award

HOLLYWOOD, March 25 (PTI-Reuter): Britain won top honours last night in the annual awards of the Academy of Motion Picture, Arts and Sciences.

Sir Lawrence Oliver received the "Oscar" award for the years best performance by a man for his role in "Hamlet". The picture itself was adjudged the best film of the year—first British picture to win the leading American film awards.

"Hamlet" also received three of the minor prizes—for black and white art direction, for black and white set direction and for black and white costume design. Mr. J. Athur Banks film "The Red Shoes" won an "Oscar" in the class for "the best picture for a colour production" and the prize for "the best musical score of any domestic or foreign picture."

Scarcity Conditions In Saurashtra

More Preventive Measures Taken By Government

RAJKOT, March 25 (API): "The position of cattle in scarcity areas is not satisfactory and there have been many casualties among them, but fortunately bullocks and useful cattle have not suffered much so far", said Mr. V Ishwaran, Chief Secretary, Saurashtra, discussing the problems arising out of the scarcity conditions prevailing in 40 per cent of the villages of Saurashtra following poor rainfall this year. He said "there are over 12 lakhs heads of cattle out of which over four lakhs are in the severely affected areas of Zalawad and Gohilwad. The total needs of the cattle are estimated at 20 crores of pounds of grass from outside, besides about four crores pounds of grass produced locally. But out of the three crore pounds of grass bought from outside, mostly from Madhya Bharat, we have so far received only one crore pounds due to transport difficulties". Cattle fodder is being distributed at subsidised rate, and Government is incurring an expense of about rupees three lakhs on this count also".

Detailing measures taken to grow grass locally where irrigational facilities are available, Mr. Ishwaran said: "Theree plots, each of one hundred acres, have been growing green fodder and shortly a dozen more will be started, thus meeting to some extent the needs of the local cattle. Each plot is expected to yield ten thousand pounds of grass. Besides, Government have started several cattle camps and every effort is being made to save useful cattle in Saurashtra".

Second Batch Of Colonists For Andamans

CALCUTTA, March 25, (A.P.I.): Seventy-two families from East Bengal, consisting of 311 persons will sail next week for the Andamans, forming the second batch of colonists of those islands. The first batch of about 500 persons sailed for the islands about ten days ago.

Dr K. N. Katju, Governo of West Bengal attended a function arranged today to bid farewell to the colonists.

DEMOBILISATION OF HYDERABAD ARMY

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Mar. 25 (API): "The demobilisation of the Hyderabad State Army will be complete by April 1, 1949", announced Major-General S. A. El Edroos, former Commander of the State forces, in an interview to the Associated Press of India today.

"After that date," he added, "the strength of the State's standing army will be 9,000".

The number of European nationals in the State Army before the police action was 14. Of them only four or five were retained with the permission of the Government of India as they were only technicians.

CONSTABLE SHOOTS SISTER

AURANGABAD, March 25 (UPI): Stir was created among pilgrims in Paithan Jathra, Aurangabad District when a Union constable shot dead his widowed sister.

The constable was put under arrest immediately.

SLATE & SLATE PENCIL INDUSTRY

Tariff Board To Consider Representatives' Demands

BOMBAY, March 24, (A.P.I.): Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Indian Tariff Board, today assured representatives of the indigenous slate and slate pencil industry that the Board would give careful consideration to the industry's demands for lease of Government mines in the Markapur area in Kurnool District, Madras, reduction in royalty charges and railway freight and technical assistance.

Opening the Board's inquiry into the industry, Mr. G. L. Mehta observed that the manufacturers should concentrate their attention on increasing production and improving the quality of slate with the object of developing an export market in neighbouring countries.

Regarding the current domestic demand for slates it was agreed that it might be taken to be the same as the figure of domestic production of slates of all kinds in India at all centres, since imports were negligible.

The inquiry, which was also attended by representatives of the Andhra Chamber, concluded in the evening.

TOP PRIORITY FOR LINGUISTIC PROVINCES QUESTION

Congress Working Committee To Discuss Abolition Of Zamindari

NEW DELHI, March 25. (A.P.I.): The Congress Working Committee will consider the question of linguistic provinces as a top priority item when, it meets here on April 8, it is learnt. Meanwhile, it is expected that the Linguistic Committee, consisting of the Congress President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Prime Minister Pandit Nehru and the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Patel, appointed at the Jaipur session of the Congress in last December, will be ready with a report on the question of the linguistic provinces.

The Working Committee will also discuss the abolition of samindari in the light of the Agrarian Reforms Committee's provisional recommendations.

The Working Committee is likely to discuss the question of co-ordination by the A.I.C.C. Secretary of all Congress parliamentary work both at the Centre and in the Provinces.

The Committee will also consider the question of the formation of a Congress sponsored youth organisation on an All-India basis.

"DON'T LOSE SOUL IN HUNT FOR COMFORTS"

Radhakrishnan's Advice To Annamalai Students

CHIDAMBARAM, Mar. 25 (API): Delivering the valedictory address of the Annamalai University Union last evening Dr S. Radhakrishnan appealed to the students not to lose their souls in the pursuit of material comforts but to "wake up to the great heritage of spirituality that is yours"

Dr. Radhakrishnan criticised the habit of regarding forms of truth as perfect and complete in themselves. This, he said, instead of making religion dynamic and revolutionary made it too often associated with reaction and vested interests.

Dr. A. L. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar in his speech asked the students to "inwardly digest every word of the eminent philosopher".

Dr Radhakrishnan and other members of the Indian Universities Commission arrived here on March 22 in the course of their inspection tour of the Universities. They left for Pondicherry this morning.

BHOPAL LABOUR LEADER ON HUNGER-STRIKE

BHOPAL, March 25, (A.P.I.): Khan Sakir Ali Khan, President of the Bhopal Mazdoor Sabha, arrested with other local Labour leaders early this month, following labour trouble in the state, was stated today to have gone on hunger-strike for the satisfaction of certain demands.

It was understood, these incude: Settlement of present labour disputes in the State better jail treatment and immediate provision of allowances for families and dependents of the arrested men.

Five other interned Labour leaders are also understood to be on fast for similar demands.

The Bhopal Municipal Board has passed a resolution urging Khan Sakir Ali Khan to give up his hunger-strike. It appealed to the Bhopal ruler to intervene and "bring about a speedy and satisfactory settlement."

CALL TO DOCTORS TO VOLUNTEER FOR GUJARAT RELIEF

SURAT March 25, (A.P.I.): Presiding over the third annual conference of the Gujerat and Kathiawar Provincial branch of the All-India Medical Association here today, Dr. K. V. Thakkar of Bhavnagar appealed to the medical men to offer their services to the Government for relief work in the famine affected areas of Gujerat and Kathiawar.

Dr. Thakkar added that he was in favour of medica graduates being compelled to work in villages for one year after graduation.

Dr. K. Dixit of Surat Chairman of the Reception Committee welcoming the 150 delegates from Mahagujrat, protested against "the vacillating policy" of Government towards indigenous medical sciences and "the attempt at Hybridisation of medical science."

Cawnpore Searches And Arrests

CAWNPORE, March 25, (A.P.I.): Eight persons were taken into custody for questioning following an eight-hour search of six Muslim houses here it was stated today.

Literature stated to be of an "anti-Indian" nature is alleged to have been recovered during the searches.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

REVISED RATION QUANTUM

Foodgrains ration quantum for the 13th Rationing Week commencing from Sunday, March 27, 1949 to Saturday, 2nd April, 1949 has been fixed as follows:—

Total Cereal Ration per Week	Per Adult (2 Foodgrains Units).	Per Child (1 Foodgrains Unit.)	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	3.1/8 seers=84 ozs	1.9/16 seers=42 ozs.	1 seer=27 ozs.
Maximum available in Rice	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Of which-			
(1) Maximum available in Rice Sort I-A	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(2) Maximum available in Rice Sort I-C	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(3) Maximum available in Boiled Rice Sort-I	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(4) Maximum available in Boiled Rice Sort II	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(5) Maximum available in Raw Rice Sort II	1/2 seer=14 ozs	1/4 seer=7 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Maximum available in Wheatgrain*	1.1/2 seers=41 ozs.	3/4 seer=21 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.
Maximum available in Milo	5/8 seer=16 ozs.	5/16 seer=8 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Maximum available in Dehusked Barley	5/8 seer=16 ozs.	5/16 seer=8 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.

*One seer of wheat ration is equivalent to one unit of Bread and one unit of Bread is equivalent to 28 ozs. of Bread.

Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat ration at the rate of one Bread Unit per seer of wheat ration.

Bread is only available on Bread Tickets during the week marked on the tickets and upto Saturday of the following week.

NOTE:—In addition to the Government Grain Shops in 'A', 'B', and 'C' Wards it has been decided to start sales of rationed foodgrains by weight instead of by measure at all the following Government Grain Shops in 'D' Ward from 27th March 1949:—

'D' Ward—Govt. Grain Shops—Nos. 25, 55, 81, 88, 101, 109, 144, 147, 157 164, 181, 194 and 247.

The ounce equivalents of the maximum proportions of foodgrains fixed in terms of seers of cut measure have been given in the above quantum table.

PLEASE NOTE:—16 ozs. is equal to 1 lb.

The actual prices to be charged are put up in these Government Grain Shops for ready reference of the cardholders and the prices would be charged according to these tables.

BRITISH SHIPPERS WARNED

No Deferred Commission If They Send Goods By Dutch Line

LONDON, March 25, (PTI-Reuter): The eleven leading shipping companies engaged on the India-North Europe run today carried a step further their freight rate "war" with the Dutch line, United Netherlands Shipping Company.

They issued a joint statement warning British shippers of cargoes to India that they will lose their deferred commission if they send goods on any ship not belonging to one of the eleven companies.

The Dutch, who formerly were members of the Karma Continental Conference which discussed freight rates between Britain, Northern Europe, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, announced cut rates from Britain some time ago.

A leading shipping authority said that the Commissions forming the subject of today's warning consist of a ten per cent rebate on all goods carried for a particular shipper over four monthly period. In almost all cases he added, it will not pay shippers to forego these commissions simply to get the benefit of the cut freight rates offered by the Dutch.

CONFINE SHIPMENTS TO LINES

Today's statement said: Shippers are reminded that in accordance with the terms of current deferred commission circulars, shipments made from the United Kingdom to India and Pakistan ports must be confined to the eleven lines—Anchor, British India Brockle Bank, City, Clan, Hall, Harrison, India Steamship Company P and O, Scindia Steamship Company and Wilson Lines.

"Failure to observe this condition will invalidate deferred commissions.

Shippers who have signed the appropriate agreement under the net freight contract system are also reminded that support of lines which are not members of the conference concerned would contravene the terms under which the immediate discount is granted."

Shipping officials here claim the Dutch are offering to take cargoes from London to Rotterdam, and there tranship them on to vessels bound for India at rates substantially below those of the other shipping companies.

EXTREME COLOUR BAR IN BRITAIN

Practised At Behest Of U.S. Forces

LONDON, March 25 (UPI): Extreme colour bar of the American type may develop in Britain as a result of the continued existence of the American bomber bases established last year.

The National Council for Civil Liberties in their annual report published today state they are watching the situation anxiously and record instances of discrimination between British subjects on grounds of colour which is already practised here at the behest of the U. S. forces.

The report cites cases where the Ministry of Labour has refused to send qualified technicians to work in American-occupied R.A.F. establishments because coloured men would not suit the Americans.

The Council, says the report, is seriously concerned also at the widespread increase in the anti-Jewish provocation from public platforms, and the abuse of the freedom of speech.

'MISS ORIENT' STRIKES MINE

Forty Killed And 22 Rescued By Chinese Vessel

HONGKONG, March 25 (PTI-Reuter): Forty people were killed and an unknown number injured when the British Registered-Canton luxury steamer, "Miss Orient" struck a mine, six miles from Canton last night.

A Chinese steamer which was following the "Miss Orient" reported she had picked up 22 survivors.

"Miss Orient" belongs to one of more than a dozen Chinese and British companies trading to Canton which here received demands for "protection money" in recent months.

Aviation companies and banks in Canton have also been threatened. Demands on companies have totalled about £ 200,000, and special precautions have been taken in many cases.

Casualties aboard "Miss Orient" are believed to be mainly Chinese.

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CHINESE DESERTERS RETURN

After Reading Pamphlets Dropped By Govt. Planes

NANKING, March 25 (PTI-Reuter): Government planes today showered pamphlets on two regiments of troops crossing no man's land north of Nanking to desert to the Communists and successfully persuaded them to return to their posts.

Gen. Wang Yien-Ching, Commanding the division defending Nanking from which the two regiments started to desert, said that after reading the pamphlets the troops came back to their station at Tanchiao, on the north bank of the Yangtse.

During the tense period while they were making up their minds other soldiers with fixed bayonets patrolled the north bank and all river traffic to Nanking opposite was suspended. The two regiments were reported to have had grievance about pay.

REDS SHELL ANKING

Communist artillery today shelled the strategic town of Anking on the Yangtse, 200 miles south-west of Nanking according to a telephone message from the threatened city.

BUSINESS STANDSTILL AT TIENSTIN

SHANGHAI, Mar. 25 (PTI-Reuter): Business remains at a standstill in Tienstin, occupied by Communist forces since last January, according to a telephone message received here last night from a former Shanghai businessman.

RESOLUTION FOR PROSECUTION OF SUN FO

NANKING, March 25 (UPA): The Control Yuan resolution for the legal prosecution of outgoing Premier Dr. Sun Fo was reported to have reached the Nanking Local High Court which is the competant organ to handle the case.

The court's prosecutor said he was now making preparation to deal with the case according to law.

NEW PREMIER MEETS MILITARY OFFICERS

NANKING, Mar. 25 (UPA): Premier Ho Ying-chin and newly appointed peace delegates today met with top military commanders for a preliminary discussion of military reorganisation which is regarded as the most knotty problems of the projected peace talks.

MAO TZE-TUNG IN PEIPING

SHANGHAI, Mar. 25 (UPA): The Chinese Communist Radio announced that Chinese Red leader Mao Tze-tung arrived in Peiping at 4 p.m. today with other Red leaders.

Broadcasting direct from Peiping instead of the North Shensi Radio, it said the headquarters of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party as well as the headquarters of the Chinese Liberation Army moved into Peiping March 25.

Arriving with Mao Tze-tung were Commander-in-Chief Chu Teh and Chou En-lai.

H. M. Patel To Go Abroad On Contact Mission

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, March 25.

The Defence Secretary H. M. Patel is leaving India shortly for three weeks on contacts mission. He will visit Switzerland, England and United States of America. He will be accompanied by the Admiral of Indian Fleet Perry, and Chief of General Staff, General Kalwantsingh. He will be joined in America by Vice-Air Marshall Mookerji. The Commander-in-Chief of Airforces, T. W. Elmhirst is already in Britain and will join him.

The visit is intended to acquire first hand knowledge of organisation development of three services in these countries and make arrangements for mutual exchange of information.

CONCLUDE TRUCE AGREEMENT EARLY

Kashmir Commission's Plea To India And Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Mar. 25 (API): The United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan today emphasised the need for early conclusion of a truce agreement in Kashmir so that matters concerning the holding of a plebiscite could be proceeded without "undue delay" now that the plebiscite administrator had been named.

In a statement here the Commission appealed to the Governments of India and Pakistan for "mutual co-operation in working out the terms of the truce and the details for the organisation and holding of the plebiscite within the framework of the principles already upon" by both the Governments.

The Government of Pakistan, the Commission said, had submitted their proposals regarding the truce agreement. The Commission was expecting to receive the views of the Government of India on the subject in the very near future.

The Commission hoped the truce an early date.

ISPAHANI ON KASHMIR PLEBISITE

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 25 (PTI-Reuter): Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States, Mr. M. A. H. Ispahani, said here tonight that four conditions must govern the United Nations Kashmir plebisilite.

These were: (1) There must be no military or economic pressure on Kashmir. (2) All Kashmir refugees must be encouraged to return home to vote (3) Non-Kashmir elements in Kashmir must be ejected (4) It must be clearly understood that the majority vote would decide the fate of the entire State of Kashmir, and not merely part of it.

The Ambassador said that Kashmir would abide by the people's verdict but added that it would not agree to partition in any circumstances.

U. N. CONTROL H. Q. AT JAMMU SHIFTS TO SRINAGAR ...

JAMMU, March 25. The United Nations Control H. Q. headed by Brig. A. V. Tremaine of Canada, closed here yesterday and started functioning in Srinagar this morning.

A triangular wireless link between Srinagar, Jammu and Rawalpindi will continue to be maintained.

EGYPTIAN PRESS DELEGATION IN KASHMIR

SRINAGAR, March 25. The Egyptian Press Delegation touring India arrived here by air yesterday morning. The party was received at Jammu by the Kashmir Premier, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, who accompanied it to Srinagar.

The Delegation is expected to stay in Kashmir for about a week.

ZAGLUL PASHA OF KASHMIR

SRINAGAR, March 25, (U.P.I.): "Sheikh Mohd Abdullah is Zaglul Pasha of Kashmir who led democratic struggle for freedom of Kashmiris", said the leader of the Egyptian Press delegation at post-prayer gathering of 50,000 Muslims at Hazratbal, six miles from Srinagar today.

GROUNDNUT CROP FORECAST

NEW DELHI, March 25, (API): The groundnut crop in 1948-49 on the basis of present indications is expected to be about 2,44,000 tons according to a special article in the January issue of "Agricultural Situation in India" just published.

Stop Press

SECURITY DEPOSIT DEMAND ON CALCUTTA DAILY

CALCUTTA, March 25, (U.P.I.): The Government of West Bengal have demanded a security deposit of Rs. 3,000 from the printer and publisher of "Jai Hind" an English Daily of Calcutta and Rs. 1,000 from the keeper of the Press under the Press Emergency Powers Act in connection with the publication of the Leader article entitled "Judgment" it its issue of February 11.

The article is alleged to have contained words of the nature which indirectly expressed approval of the murder of Mahatma Gandhi.

CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW DENIES REPORT

MOSCOW, March 25, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Fu Ping Chang, Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, today categorically denied a Chinese radio report that he had accepted the post of Foreign Minister in the new Chinese Government. He said he was still considering the matter and was in touch with his Government about it.

U.S. REACTION

WASHINGTON, March 25, (PTI-Reuter): No one here is willing to predict Soviet actions but there is no evidence to suggest that the Soviet Government will decide to break off diplomatic relations with Persia or remove its embassy.

BAN ON SLAUGHTER OF MILCH CATTLE IN BARODA

BARODA, March 25 (API): An order prohibiting the slaughter of milch cattle throughout the State was passed today by the Government of Baroda under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and the Cattle Control Act.

ISRAELI-TRANSJORDAN ARMISTICE TALKS

RHODES, March 25 (PTI-Reuter): Israeli-Transjordan armistice talks have speeded up with the arrival here today of Lieut.-Colonel Moshe Dayan, Head of the Israeli military team, and Shabtai Resenne, Foreign Minister's legal adviser who helped conclude the Armistice Pact between Israel and the Lebanon.

Malan Warns Communists

CAPETOWN, March 25 (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Danial Malan, South African Prime Minister served notice on Communists today that his Government was "determined" to act in the matter of their activities in the Union.

"The time has passed", the Premier told the Union Assembly, "when the Government of this country allowed Communist activities to take their course.

"My Government is determined to act in this matter and I ask that notice of this be taken.

"The time for Communist activities here is past—I hope for all time."

Alleged Frontier Plot

KARACHI REACTION TO DELHI DENIAL

Pakistan Welcomes India Government's Assurance

KARACHI, March 24 (API): The Pakistan Government tonight denied that Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, was the "Pandit Saheb" mentioned as involved in a recent plot to assassinate the North West Frontier Premier, Abdul Qaiyum Khan. (The Government of India protested to Pakistan last week against a Communique issued by the North West Frontier Province Government, Pakistan).

The Communique contained "insinuations" that India was a party to an alleged plot against both Pakistan and the Government of North West Frontier Province. The plot was said to be organised by the banned Red Shirts "to checkmate efforts to bring Kashmir into Pakistan".

An official statement issued here tonight said the Provincial Government's Communique had not suggested that the Government of India was in any way connected with this plot.

Nevertheless, the Note said, the Central and the North West Frontier Province welcome the Government of India's assurance that they had no knowledge of the plot and that "they are committed to a policy designed to improve the relations between the two Dominions, which the Pakistan Government are equally desirous of maintaining".

PROTEST AGAINST NEHRU'S STATEMENT

The Note said that "the manner and terms in which the Prime Minister of India has referred to the Red Shirts and their treatment by the Provincial Government for activities subversive of law and order in Pakistan are liable to create serious misunderstanding and have caused considerable resentment in Pakistan".

The Pakistan Government feared that "the statement made by the Prime Minister of India may give encouragement to the Red Shirts in their lawless activities and have therefore protested strongly against it.

TRUMAN ACCEPTS SMITH'S RESIGNATION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (PTI-Reuter): President Truman today accepted the resignation of General Walter Bedell Smith as Ambassador to Moscow.

The White House announced the President's action shortly after General Bedell Smith called on the President to renew his long pending request for permission to resign.

Presidential Press Secretary Mr. Charles G. Ross said that Mr. Truman accepted General Smith's request "with great reluctance" and that he did so to permit him to return to a field command.

General Smith is expected to take command of the First Army on Governors Island in New York harbour.

The command has been held open for him since the retirement of Gen. Courtney Hodges.

U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE IN SOUTH ASIA

Conference In New Delhi On April 4

NEW DELHI, March 25, (API): A six-day Regional Conference of the representatives of American diplomatic and consular missions throughout South Asia, will be held here on April 4 to consider matters of common interest pertaining to the work of the American foreign service in this area, it was announced today.

The conference is of such meetings arranged periodically in various parts of the world and it is the second held in South Asia. The first South Asia conference was held last year in Bangkok.

A number of representatives from Washrington of the department of State, Treasury, Agriculture, Commerce and Labour are coming to New Delhi to participate in the discussions. American diplomatic missions and consular offices which will send delegates are those at Teheran, Kabul, Karachi, Lahore, New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Rangoon, Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Saigon Manila and in China.

Mr. Loy W. Henderson, American Ambassador to India, will preside over the conference.

MORATORIUM FOR C. P. AGRICULTURISTS

NAGPUR, March 25, (A.P.I.): The C.P. Assembly today passed a bill to give one year's moratorium to agriculturists in the cotton-lowar tract of the Province. The Bill, which would be applied to seven districts of Amraot Akola, Buldana, Yeotmal, Chanda, Wardha and Nagpur would be in force from January 1, 1949 to January 1, 1950 and is estimated to involve about Rs. 18,00,000.

TRADE WITH FRENCH SETTLEMENTS

Restrictions To Be Imposed: Customs Agreement To Expire On March 31

NEW DELHI, March 25, (A.P.I.): Exoort and import restrictions will come into force from April 1 with regard to French possessions in India whose customs agreement with the Indian Union is due to terminate on March 31, according to a Commerce Ministry press note issed today.

Chandernagore, French settlement, situated near Calcutta and surrounded by Indian territory will be exempt from these restrictions. Imports and exports from and to this town will be allowed freely as before.

A notification is also being issued in the Gazette of India cancelling open general licence number one giving general permission to all persons to export controlled commodities to the other four French Indian settlements Therefore, exports of controlled commodities to these territories will require licences from April 1, 1949 as in the case of exports to other foreign countries.

Similarly, the French possessions will also be regarded as foreign territory for purposes of imports and the usual import restrictions will apply. Moreover, being part of the French monetary area, these territories will be treated as soft currency area for the purpose of import control.

Leakage Of Geometry Question Papers In Nasik

NASIK, March 25, (A.P.I.): Part of the question paper in geometry for the Secondary School Certificate Examination was found written down on a wall board at a prominent place in the city today.

A copy of the paper that was in circulation before the commencement of the examination as handed over to Mr. Saldanha, Collector of Nasik. It was later found that five out of twelve questions in the original paper had leaked out about 1,500 students from Nasik Centre however answered the paper

The matter has been reported to higher authorities.

RAJKOT, March 23.

It is understood that the Okha Express will commence running from April First from Bhavnagar to Rajkot.

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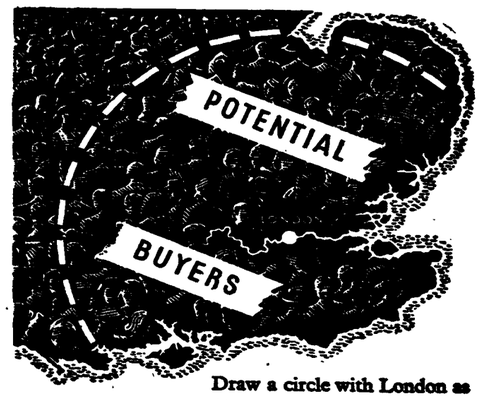

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(c) ELECTRICAL BRANCH
(d) SUPPLY & SECRETARIAT BRANCH

Selected Short Service Commissioned Officers will be eligible for transfer to the permanent cadre.

Applications are also invited for the grant of Commissions and Warrants in the permanent cadre of the Instructor Branch of the Royal Indian Navy.

The qualifications and age limits for entry in the various branches are given below:

(a) EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Qualifications (i) Degree of a recognised University with Mathematics and Physics as optional subjects in the Degree or Intermediate examination.
Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 25 years.

OR

(ii) Board of Trade Certificate of Competency (Foreign Going) as 2nd Mate, Mate or Master.

Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 30 years.

High visual standard required. Those who wear glasses are ineligible.

(b) ENGINEERING BRANCH

Qualifications—(i) Degree in Mechanical Engineering of a recognized University or equivalent qualifications.

OR

(ii) Diploma in Engineering followed by practical experience in Marine Engineering.

OR

(iii) 1st or 2nd Class Board of Trade Certificate of Competency.

OR

(iv) Certificate awarded after 5 years' apprenticeship in a Marine Engineering Works including theoretical and practical training.

Age Limits on 1-6-1949:
For (i) to (iii) ... 19½ to 30 years
For (iv) ... 19½ to 25 years

(c) ELECTRICAL BRANCH

Qualifications—(i) Degree in Electrical Engineering of a recognised University or equivalent qualifications.

Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 30 years.

OR

(ii) Certificate awarded after 5 years' apprenticeship in an Electrical Engineering Works including theoretical and practical trainings.

Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 25 years.

(d) SUPPLY & SECRETARIAT BRANCH

Qualifications—Degree from a recognised University in Arts, Science or Commerce. A Law Degree or practical experience in Accountancy or a Commercial firm will be an added qualification.

Age limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 25 years.

(e) INSTRUCTOR BRANCH

Qualifications—

(i) For grant of Commissions.

Essential—1st or 2nd Class Honours Degree of a recognized University in Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry.

Additional—Teaching experience or a Teacher's Diploma.

Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 21 to 28 years.

(ii) For grant of Warrants. Degree of a recognized University with Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry as optional subject.

Age Limits on 1-6-49: 21 to 25 years.

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SELECTION: Selected candidates will be required to appear before a Services Selection Board on whose recommendations final selection will be made.

HOW TO APPLY: Forms of applications together with further information can be had free on request from any one of the undernoted authorities. Requests for forms should contain age and educational qualifications of applicants. Completed application forms must be accompanied by an application fee of Rs. 7/8/—1/14— in the case of Scheduled Caste candidates):

(i) Naval Headquarters, New Delhi.
(ii) The Commodore-in-Charge, R. I. N. Office, Bombay.
(iii) The Commodore-in-Charge, R. I. N. Office, Cochin.
(iv) The Resident Naval Officer, Madras.
(v) The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Vizagapatam.
(vi) The Resident Naval Officer, Fort William, Calcutta.

LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION: Completed application forms must reach the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy Naval Headquarters, New Delhi, not later than May 10 1949.

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SCINDIAS SUSPEND CONSTRUCTION AT VIZAG

350 Workers Of Ship-Building Yard Given Notice

BOMBAY, March 25. (A.P.I.): The Scindia Steam Navigation Company has decided to suspend indefinitely construction of new ships at their Visagapatam ship-building yard and have given notice to nearly 350 workers of the yard Mr. Shantikumar Morarjee, Managing Director of the Company, said to-day.

The first ship of be launched from the Visagapatam yard was the "Jala Usha" which is now in service.

The second one—"Jala Prabha"—launched by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's Deputy Prime Minister, will shortly be commissioned for service. Two more ships, the "Jala Prakash" and the "Jala Pankhi" are under construction at the yard.

WHY THEY CLOSE.

Asked why, in the face of the Government of India's assurance to support and expand the activities of ship-building industry, the Company had served notices on 350 workers, Mr. Shantikumar Morarjee said that while the cost of constructing an 8,000-ton ship in the United Kingdom would now range from Rs. 35 lakhs to Rs. 40 lakhs, it would require nearly Rs. 65 lakhs to build a similar ship in India.

"The Company has not so far been told what definite financial assistance it would receive either for the ships that have been built or for the ships that might be built hereafter", Mr. Shantikumar said. "The Company has already invested more than four crores of rupees in the Vizagapatam project and its existing commitments exceed Rs. one crore," Mr. Shantikumar said. He hoped that the Government would complete "the only existing ship-building yard in the country, which is now on production basis as a result of eight years' hard work," before they started constructing new yards.

Mr. Shantikumar and Mr. M. A. Master, General Manager of Scindias, are leaving to-morrow for Delhi to discuss with Mr. K. C. Neogy, India's Commerce Minister, questions relating to India's ship-building industry.

Recital Of Kannada Folk Songs

A well-known party from Karnatak, organised under the leadership of Mr. K. A. Venkatramaiya of the Village Industries Committee, gave a recital of Kannada folk songs at the residence of Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture and Forests of the Government of Bombay on Thursday, March 24. The Premier, Mr. B. G. Kher, presided. Prominent among those present were Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government, Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise and Reconstruction, Mr. S. N. Angadi, Deputy Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and Mr. B. V. Warekar, the veteran Marathi playwright.

The party had in its repertoire songs on a variety of subjects such as prohibition and need for self-sufficiency in respect of the basic needs of life such as food and cloth.

AMALGAMATING POLICE FORCES

Govt. Bill For Merger Of District & Greater Bombay Personnel

In pursuance of its policy of amalgamating the two Police Forces in the Province, the District Police and the Greater Bombay Police, the Government of Bombay has prepared a Bill in order to facilitate such an amalgamation.

The Bill, which has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette, of March 24, makes the Inspector-General of Police, the single head of the two Police Forces in the Province and provides for transfers of Police Officers from Greater Bombay to Districts and vice versa.

At present, these two Forces have two different heads, Inspector-General of Police, Bombay Province, and the Commissioner of Police, Bombay. They are respectively governed by the Bombay District Police Act, 1890, and the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902.

In the interest of closer co-ordination of the two Forces, efficient administration and discipline it was found desirable to have one single Police Force for the whole of the Province, with a single head for the Police Department and to provide for transfers of Police officers from the Greater Bombay to Districts and vice versa.

Premier's Message To Physical Education Conference

Wishing success to the Bombay Provincial Physical Education Conference to be held on Saturday, March 26, at R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Bombay, Mr B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, in a message says:

"The Bombay Provincial Physical Education Conference is being inaugurated to study problems of physical education and to help its propagation in all the regions of the Province. This is a move in the right direction as physical fitness is one of the prerequisites of happiness, prosperity and progress. I hope, therefore, that the Conference will receive the wholehearted support of all the institutions and men interested in the cause of physical education and I wish it all success."

NAVAL POLICEMEN'S WIVES BREAK FAST

BOMBAY, Friday

The wives of the police men and officers of the Special Naval police establishment who were on fast for the last eight days broke their fast at 2 p.m this afternoon by taking glasses of mosambi juice.

They stated that by their self-imposed ordeal they had succeeded in calling attention to a serious injustice and they now considered that their purpose was adequately served.

A. I. ASSOCIATION OF FINE ARTS' CLAIM TO BE CENTRAL REPRESENTATIVE BODY

Gandhy Leaves For Delhi To Consult Ministry Of Education

BOMBAY, March 25, (A.P.I.): Nearly thirty well-known artists and leading organisations devoted to the development of art have jointly submitted a memorandum to the Central and Provincial Governments as well as representatives of foreign countries in India, expressing their solid support to and recognition of the All-India Association of Fine Arts as the central representative body in India.

The members have become necessary, the signatories say, because of the "general confusion prevailing in the art world of India in respect of the Federal Representative All-India Art Body".

They endorse the resolution of the third All-India Art Conference held in Bombay recently under the presidentship of Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, recognising the A.I.A.F.A. as the central representative body.

Mr. Manishi Dey, Mr. O. C. Gangody, Dr. Kalidas Nag, Mr. Pradosh Das Gupta, Dr. Stella Kramrisch, Mr. Atul Bose, Dr. Mulk Raj Anand, Prof. W. Langhammer, Mr. Ravishanker Raval, Mr. B. Sanyal, Mr. Kanwal Krishna and Mr. Harikrishna Lal, are among the signatories to the memorandum.

A deputation led by Mr. K. M. Gandhy, General Secretary of the All-India Association of Fine Arts, waited on Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, yesterday and submitted to him a copy of the memorandum.

Mr. Kher is understood to have assured the deputationists that he would take up the matter with the proper authorities.

Mr. Gandhy left this morning for Delhi to meet officials of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and explain to them the points raised in the memorandum.

KULKARNIS FROM KARNATAK RESIGN

Protest Against Move To Abolish Hereditary Offices

BOMBAY, Friday.

One thousand and thirty three Kulkarnis from the Karnatak Districts of Belgaum, Bijapur and Dharwar tendered their resignation as a protest against the proposed abolition of certain hereditary offices. Two hundred and thirty seven of them subsequently withdrew their resignation.

The resignations were part of a campaign of protest conducted by the Bombay-Karnatak Watandar Kulkarni Association. It is now stated that an agreement has been arrived at between the Association and the Government. The agreement awaits ratification of its terms by a meeting of the members of the Associatiin on Monday.

Meanwhile answering questions put in this behalf by Mr. N. B. Dalvi in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Morarji Desai gave some information regarding the resignations and their sequel. The number of Kulkarnis who resigned district wise is as follows: Belgaum, 225; Bijapur, 396; Dharwar, 420. The number who had withdrawn their resignations is as follows: Belgaum, 85; Bijapur, 87; and Dharwar, 65.

Mr. Desai stated that instructions had been issued to the local officers to appoint Talatis in place of resigned Kulkarnis and also to ask Talatis of adjoining Seza villages to hold charge of the office of Kulkarnis.

Mr. Desai also stated that the question of the grievances of the resigned Kulkarnis was under consideration of the Government. The Government intends to abolish the village hereditary offices such as Kulkarnis, Patils, Sanadis, Talwars and Mahars. But when this would be done was still under consideration.

CERTIFICATES TO NEW LITERATES

The new literestes—Muslims and Marathas of Sevri area gathered to receive their Literacy Certificates at a meeting held near Sevri station, when Mr. V. R. Tulla, President, Municipal Schools Committee, and member of the Bombay City Adult Education Committee, presided. Mr. Tulla congratuated the new literates and distributed the certificates to about 300 Pathans and Marathas. Amongst other speakers were Mr. B. M. Kapadia, Mr. K. B. Kasotia and other Officers of the Committee.

CO-OPERATIVE CLASSES

Beginning from March 28, a series of lectures covering the entire field of the co-operative movement will be delivered at the training classes held under the auspices of the Greater Bombay Co-operative Board at 9, Bakehouse Lane, Fort, Bombay. The inaugural address is to be delivered by Diwan Bahadur H. L. Kaji, President of the All-India Co-operative Institute, and subsequent lectures, twenty-eight in all will be given by well-known economists and co-operators. These training classes are to be held at frequent intervals so as to extend their benefit to all those working in co-operative institutions and are interested in the movement. No fees are charged, but as the space in the lecture hall is limited the organisers desire that only those genuinely interested in the lectures should register their names and see to it that they do not miss the lectures. The classes will be held from 5-30 to 7 p.m. on week days and 3-30 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and each lecture will last 45 minutes.

INDIAN INDUSTRIES FAIR'S CONTRIBUTION TO GANDHI FUND

Paid in Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund about Rs. 4,600 being the 50 per cent of the profits realised from their last Seventh Exhibition. This time 50 per cent of the profits of their Eighth Exhibition, now being held in Bombay at Azad Maidan, Dhobitalao, will be given into the Gujerat Famine Relief Fund.

ASSESSMENT OF PRIVATE COMPANIES

Artificial Distribution Of Profits

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Tendolker).

Sir Kasturchand .. Ltd. Applicant.

vs.

The Commissioner of Income-Tax, Bombay. ..... Respondent.

This Reference under the Income-Tax Act to the High Court in its advisory jurisdiction under that Act, raised questions of particular interest to private companies. The assessee was a private limited company and the "assessment years" in question were 1941-42, 1942-43 and 1943-44. In the three relevant "previous years" no dividends were declared or distributed though the company made profits which the Income-Tax Officer assessed at Rs. 48,586, Rs. 82,233 and Rs. 61,872 respectively. The Income-Tax Officer made an order that the sums of Rs. 24,616, Rs. 56,170 and Rs. 44,913 shall be deemed to have been distributed by the company as dividend among its shareholders under Section 23 A(1) which runs as follows:—

"Where the Income-Tax Officer is satisfied that in respect of any previous year the profits and gains distributed as dividends by any company.....are less than sixty per cent of the assessable income of the company of that previous year..... he shall, unless satisfied that having regard to losses incurred by the company in earlier years or to the smallness of the profits made, the payment of a dividend or a larger dividend.....would be unreasonable, make.....an order in writing that the undistributed portion..... .....shall be deemed to have been distributed as dividends.....and thereupon the proportionate share thereof of each shareholder shall be included in the total income of such shareholder.....".

This provision was not made applicable by the Act to companies in which the public was substantially interested.

On behalf of the assessee it was contended that there must be some distribution of profits before Section 23A could be made applicable, and that no profits having been distributed at all by the assessee-company Section 23A did not apply. Their Lordships negatived this contention of the assessee which in their Lordships' opinion would lead to the "absurd result" that if 1 per cent of the assessable income were distributed Section 23A would apply, but if no part of it were distributed the section would not apply. Their Lordships observed that the section had been enacted more "in terrorem" than for any other object, and were satisfied that its language did not necessarily drive the Court to so anomalous a conclusion. Their Lordships therefore held that an order under Section 23A could be passed even no dividend had been declared and distributed by the Company.

Their Lordships also negatived the second argument advanced on behalf of the assessee that in determining whether or not an order should be made under Section 23A, the I.T.O. had not merely to consider the losses in earlier years or the smallness of the profit, but had also to consider the paid-up capital and various other factors. Their Lordships were not prepared to read words into the section which were not there, and which would expand the discretion to be exercised by the I.T.O. which in their Lordships' opinion was confined to the two factors mentioned in the section.

Their Lordships answered the questions referred to them accordingly.

Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Amarchand and Mangaldas appeared for the assessee.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. G. N. Joshi instructed by the Solicitor to the Income-Tax Department Mr. N. K. Petigara appeared for the respondent.

CONGRESS, SOCIALIST AND SCHEDULED CASTE FEDERATION CONTESTING SEAT

BOMBAY, Friday.—A keen contest between the Congress, the Socialist Party and the Scheduled Caste Federation candidates is expected in the forthcoming bye-election to the Bombay Legislative Assembly for the seat from Byculla-Parel general (urban) constituency rendered vacant by the death of Dr. R. K. Shirodkar.

Today being the last day, five nominations were filed before the Collector of Bombay.

The Congress has put up Dr. K. S. Mhaskar, a former director of Haffkine Institute as its candidate.

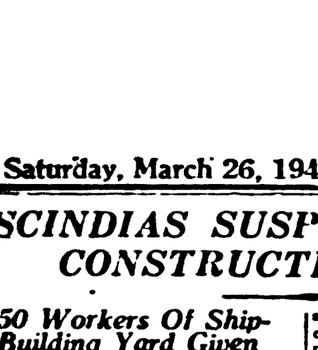
The Socialist Party sprang a surprise by puting up Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas to contest the election.

The Scheduled Caste Federation candidate is Mr. Pundalik Tukaram Borale who is a practising lawyer and a leader of untouchables in Bombay.

Messrs. M. S. Chilap and Babasaheb S. Phansalkar also filed their nominations but they were described as substitute candidates on behalf of the Congress and the Socialist Party respectively.

The Constituency is the biggest in the city and covers nearly seven square miles of industrial area and 12 Municipal wards in the city. Out of the total number of 1,45,000 voters in this constituency nearly 28 thousand voters are Harijans.

The election will take place on April 25.



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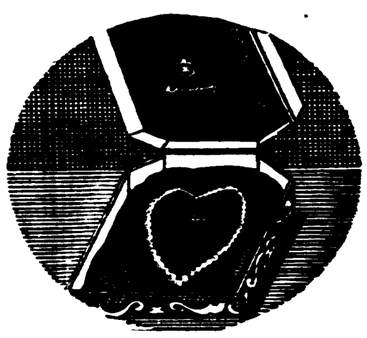

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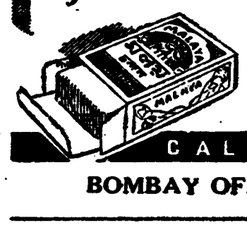

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Ahmednagar Rural Development Board

The Government of Bombay has nominated Mr. Babaji Gopal Pandkar of Kharda, a retired Headmaster, Practising School, Government Masic Training Centre, Loni (Poona), as a member of the District Rural Development Board Ahmednagar.

SABAR KANTHA RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The Executive Engineer, Sabar Kantha Division has been nominated as an official member of the District Rural Development Board, Sabar Kantha, in place of the Chief Engineer, Himatnagar.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

Scattered Short Covering Imparts Steady Tone In Active Shares

BOMBAY, March 25:

The Bombay Stock Exchange was fairly steady today under scattered buying and short covering. This week there had been extensive selling in Tata Steel Defd. Shares which lost nearly Rs. 200-. It was freely said that the Syndicate was unloading and some bears were pressing sales. This unexpected selling soon after the last settlement was more or less a surprise to an ordinary trader while some indulged in large straddle sales of sale of Tata Steel Defds. against purchases of ordinary shares. The sharp and penetrating decline created a feeling of nervousness and until the next settlement no true picture of the situation can be correctly judged and the market will remain a puzzle. However heavy liquidation has improved the technical state of the market as other active shares failed to follow the drastic decline in Defd. Shares. Today there was moderate business with cessation of selling pressure and traders were cautious.

Tata Steel defds. opened at Rs. 1492 8 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1480.- and improved at Rs. 1508 8. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 287|- and improved at Rs. 289|- Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 962|- and after declining at Rs. 955 - advanced at Rs. 963 -. Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 299|- Scindias were in demand at Rs. 16 13 while Indian Irons were done at Rs. 24.7.

Later on Tata Steel Defds after improving at Rs. 1510 steadied at Rs. 1505 while Ordinary shares were done Rs. 289|. Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 24 2 and Bengal Steels came in business at Rs. 20 8. Bombay Dyeings steadied at Rs. 962 8 and Central India were done at Rs. 247 8. Gokaks were quoted at Rs. 296|. Kohinoors stood at Rs. 296|- and Simplex Shares were quoted at Rs. 182.

Tata Powers were done at Rs. 153 7/8 and Associated Cements changed hands at Rs. 147 8. Bellapurs were quoted at Rs. 215|- closing tone of market was steady with cessation of selling pressure.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (12-6)	958 12
Kohinoor Mill (6)	295 8
Swadeshi Mills (22)	295 0
Central India Mill (4)	245 0
Simplex Mills (8)	182 4
New Great Eastern (8)	152 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	165 0
Gokak Mills (20)	286 8
Century Spinning (15)	263 12
Colaba (12)	148 0
India Bleaching (6)	153 0
Swan Mills (20)	330 0
Finlay Mills (15)	220 8
Morarji Gokuldas	456 4
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	232 8
Meyer (12)	108 12
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15 6
India United Ord (0-13-0)	1 13 6
India United Defd (0-12-6)	1 9 6
Madhusudan Mill (15)	180 12
Podar (8)	142 8
Khatau Makanji (8)	202 8
Indore Coupon	86 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord (14)	290 0
Tata Steel Defd (64-15)	1502 8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	139 8
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	147 0
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	271 4
Belapur Sugar (9)	214 8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	31 0
Scindia Steam (0-8)	16 11 6
Premier Construction	117 4
Tata Chemical	12 3
Tata Oil (2)	64 0
Indian Iron (0-12)	24 9
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	20 12
British India Corp. (0-11)	8 13 6
Z. Copper	2 3 3
Wimco	186 4
Alcock	263 12
Belapur Coupon	64 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (50)	1540 0
Andhra Valley (45)	1435 0
Tata Hydro	152 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	65 0
Phoenix Mills (50) XR	205 0
India Manufacturing	—
Kooria Mills (5)	120 8
New City Mills (110)	180 0
Minerva	120 8
Bradbury	587 8
Bharat Mills (2)	33 4
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4 13
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172 8
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-13)	14 4
Madei Mills (12-8)	190 0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	605 0
Vishnu Cotton (8)	202 8
Western India (40)	4970 0
Standard (15)	225 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9 12
Hindustan Mills (40)	4225 0
Tata Mills (3)	60 0
Ahmedabad Advance Ord (8)	258 12
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	9 0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	175 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78 12
Berar Mills	280 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
Colaba Land Coupon	42 0
New Great	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	127 8
Ahmedabad New	18 10
Surat Electricity (2-8)	142 8
Karachi Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-6)	10 10
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 8
Amalgamated	12 8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	146 4
Bombay Suburban (3)	162 8
Bombay Suburban (2) XD	152 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1877 8
Imperial Bank of India P.P (8-12)	461 4
Central Bank	87 4
Central Bank New (1-8)	86 0
Bank of India (4) XR	196 0
Union (0-8)	7 15
Bank of Baroda (2-8)	141 8
Devkaran Nanjee Bang (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial	54 8
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	55 8
Hindustan Commercial	28 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	22 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-8)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) XD	4299 8
Empire (10)	650 0
New India (1-8)	61 0
Jupiter (1-4)	18 4
Vulcan (0-10)	11 14
Indian Mercantile (2)	35 0
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	19 8
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All-India General	15 3
RAILWAY SHARES	
C. P. (1-14)	111 4
Pachora Jamner Rly. (2-8)	120 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (10)	297 8
Bombay Burma New (3)	106 2
Burma Petrol	1 6 8
Mackenzie (6)	88 0
Port Canning (3)	65 0
Kamp and Co. (30)	640 0
Kamp and Co (New)	462 8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	93 0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	36 0
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18 0
Alembic (15)	197 8
Supreme India X.R.	—
Jam Wire (6)	97 4
Bombay Uganda	89 0
Bombay Motor Cycle	34 0
Indian Cement (1937)	25 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (P.S.)	148 12
Associated Cement New (1-4)	143 4
United Motor	70 8
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	899 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbolic X.D.	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 - 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	196 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1212 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1268 12
Hydro Electric (7)	126 4
Bombay Steamer (8)	808 8
Central India (5)	626 0
Swadeshi Mills	126 4
Vishnu Mills (7)	646 4
Laxshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Alphinstone Mills (7)	117 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Premier Construction 1st (61-4)	118 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	101 0
Amalgamated (5-8)	123 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	131 14
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenne 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 8
Khatav Mills	102 8
Morarji	108 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Elume Pipe (6)	106 0
Tata Power 1951	103 8
Walchand Nagar (5)	112 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 7
New Victoria Mill	2 8
New Victoria Mills (Pref.)	5 0
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	110 0
Gold Mohur (20)	302 8
New Kaiser-Hind	360 0
Saljan Mills (20)	140 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	280 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	275 0
Air Service XR	7 8
Air India	100 0
Hind Motor	4 9
Indian Steam	7 15

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, March 25

Tata Ordinary 290; Tata Deferred 1502/8; Indian Iron 24/9; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 20/10; Bombay Dyeing 968/10; Central India 245; Gokak 288/12; Kohinoor 295/10; Simplex 182/4. Swadeshi 296; Tata Power 1540; Associated Cement 147/8; Belapur 214/14; Bombay Burma (Old) 271/14; Scindia 16/11/6; Central Bank 85/4; New India 61; Tata 2nd Pref. 139.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, March 24

Australian Wheat new crop 96 March-April.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, March 24

T. T. London on:—

New York Selling 4.0275. Buying 4.0325. Montreal Selling 4.0275. Buying 4.0325; Zurich Selling 17.34 Buying 17.36; Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

NEW YORK SILVER.

New York, March 24.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver 71-1/2 cents.

LONDON BULLION.

London, March 24.

Silver Spot and Forward both 43-1/2d. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8-12-6.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 25.—There was no official forward business today in the local cotton market as quotations were above the ceiling level.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 229 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON.

ALEXANDRIA, March 24

KARNAK May	68.75—210
KARNAK Nov.	61.35+ 40
ASHMOUNI June	45.60—68
ASHMOUNI Oct.	45.77—48

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 25:

The produce market was quietly steady today with restricted trading. Today being settlement of Tejimandi in Castorseeds fluctuations were narrow. May option opened at Rs. 140|10 and after declining at Rs. 140 8 improved at Rs. 140|12 and steadied at Rs. 140|11.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	39	0	0
Coromandal	38	8	0
Bold ready	37	12	0
Bold Feb-March	37	12	0
Bold April-May	37	15	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
May delivery	140	10	0
Ready	28	8	0
LINSEEDS—			
Ready	29	4	0
Feb-March	29	1	0
April-May	28	13	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready receipts	21	3	0
March	21	3	0
April	21	3	0
May	21	4	0
June	21	6	0
Linseed Oil	18	0	0
Castorseeds oil (first pressing quality)	19	0	0
Castorseed oil commercial quality	17	0	0

PEPPER MARKET.

BOMBAY, March 25.

	Rs.
Chaitra dely	1,530
Vaishakh dely.	1,540

METAL MARKET.

BOMBAY, March 25.

Copper Chaitra	90	8	0
Copper Ready	90	8	0
Tin Chaitra	63	0	0
Tin Ready	63	4	0

ART SILK YARN.

BOMBAY, March 25.

120 D. Ready	3	10	0
150 Ready Japan	3	5	0
150 D. Box March	704	0	0
150 D. Box April	714	0	0

SUGAR MARKET.

BOMBAY, March 25.

Inferior Quality	90	0	0
Bazar Quality	92	0	0
Big Chrystals	94	0	0
Bulsar	103	8	0
May	32	4	0
Jan 1950	29	6	0

Arrivals 1,702 Bags.

HESSIAN MARKET.

BOMBAY, March 25.

	Pies.
45X11.	
Ready	99
March	97-1/2
April-June	98-1/2
40X26 BAGS.	
Ready	117 0 0
March	115 8 0
April/June	111 8 0

APRIL AND MAY CARGO AT REDUCED RATES

BOMBAY, March 24 (APL)—The Karma Continental Committee today decided to "cover" any fluctuations in rates arising out of the freight rate war between the Dutch line and the committee.

This decision, which applies to "forward bookings" for the months of April and May has been communicated to the principal conference at London for formal approval.

According to this decision, exporters will be entitled to book their cargo to be shipped in April or May at the present reduced rates, irrespective of any fluctuation on a higher level. In the event of a further decline in freight rates, the shippers will be given proportionate reduction.

Another effect of the freight rate war has been that shippers have been confining all their cargo to the member lines of the Karma Continental Committee. The Committee has issued a flat directive to member lines to offer an additional ten per cent deferred Commission besides the current reduced rates quoted by the Dutch line.

WOOL TOPS PRICES.

NEW YORK, March 24.

Wool tops closed steady, up one to 26. April was quoted at 150 nom.; May 148, 150; July 147, 147.5; October 156.5, 147; December 146.1, 145.5; March 1950, 143.1, 143.5; May 140.1, 143.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 25.—The Bullion market was steady today with improved buying.

Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 179/4. Vaishakh delivery Silver opened at Rs. 173/8 and declined at Rs. 172/4 on renewed selling. At this level there was increased buying and the market steadily recovered at Rs. 173/4.

Ready Gold business was reported at Rs. 107/4. Vaishakh delivery Gold opened at Rs. 105/4 and after advancing at Rs 105/12 reacted at Rs. 105/8. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs 70/8.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Silver Ready Mint	180	8	0
Silver Ready Bullion	179	12	0
Silver Vaishakh	174	4	0
Gold Ready	108	12	0
Gold Vaishakh	107	4	0
Sovereigns	72	0	0

N.Y. STOCKS CONTINUE TO RECOVER

NEW YORK, March 24 (UPA): Stocks continued the current recovery movement on the New York Stock Exchange today with gains ranging to almost one point.

Trading was moderately active. The two-day advance in prices more than wiped out the losses of Monday and Tuesday.

Utility stocks, which held steady since first of the year, broke through 1949 high and as a group closed at their best levels since last November 1 which was the day before the election.

Market opened on brisk turnover but this demand for securities dried up around noon with some issues slipping from their best levels. However, on the whole the list closed generally higher.

Stock sales amounted to 920,000 shares and curb sales amounted to 210,000 shares. Turnover in bonds came to 2,685,000 dollars.

Dow Jones average closings included: Industrials, 176.41; rails, 48.15; utilities, 35.32 and bonds, 96.57

Closing prices included.

Abbott Laboratories	77	1/4
Allied Chemicals	176	
American Can	90	5/8
American Radiator	13	5/8
American Smelting	49	
American Sugar	36	3/8
American Telephone	145	7/8
American Tobacco	68	
Anaconda Copper	31	1/2
Bankers Trust	39	
Bethelehem Steel	31	7/8
Boeing Plant	23	3/4
Canadian Pacific	12	5/8
Celanese	25	3/4
Chase National Bank	35	5/8
Chrysler	53	3/8
Consolidated Edison	22	3/4
Coty	3	1/2
Douglas Aircraft	40	1/2
Dupont	187	
Eastman Kodak	45	3/4
Firestone Tire & Rubber	49	
General Electric	33	
General Motors	59	1/8
Gillette	31	1/2
Goodyear	42	3/4
International Nickel	28	1/2
International Tel & Tel	9	1/2
Lockheed	19	3/8
Nash Kelvinator	12	3/4
National City Bank	39	5/8
New York Central	10	5/8
Pennsylvania Railroad	16	1/2
Shell Oil	34	1/2
Southern Pacific	42	1/8
Standard Oil of New Jersey	67	1/2
Studebaker	18	5/8
Swift and Co.	30	3/8
Twenth 'th Century Fox	19	7/8
U.S. Steel	73	1/8
Warner Brothers	10	1/2
Westinghouse Electric	23	5/8
Brazilian Traction	16	7/8
Technicolor	11	3/4

CHICAGO GRAINS MOVE IRREGULARLY IN QUIET TRADING

CHICAGO, March 24, (UPA):—Grains moved irregularly in quiet trading on the Chicago Board of Trade today.

Commercial buying and covering bolstered wheat on setbacks but small upturns encountered hedge selling and liquidation. Steadiness in maize reflected continued light rural marketings and smaller receipt in terminal markets.

Closing prices included:

WHEAT

May	2.14-1/4—1/8
July	1.90-1/8—1/4
September	1.89-7/8—1.90
December	1.90-1/2—3/8

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, March 25.

Apollo 2-15 3 2-15-6
Bharucha Defd. 4-12 4-12
B. Dyeing 962-8 63-12 57-8 62-12 57-8 58-12
C. India 245 44-8 46 45
Century 263-12
Colaba 148
Elphinstone Pref. 115
Finlay 261 80-8
Gokak 287 90 88-8
I.U. Defd. 1-9-6 1-9 1-9-6
I.U. Ord. 11-2 11-1-6 11-4 11-3-6
Indore 165
Kohinoor 299 97-8 98-8 95 95-8
Laxmi 606
Madhusudan 180-10
Meyer 108-12
Model 190
Minerva 120 20-8
Morarji 455 56-4
New City 180
New Great 163 65 63
Podar 142-8
Simplex 183 83-8 82-4
Svadeshi 295 96 92-8 96 94 95
Swan 330
Tata Mills 59-8 60
Vishnu 202-8
C.P Rly. 111-4

STEAMER

B Steam 297-8
Scindia 16-9 16-14 16-11-8

BANKS

Baroda 141/8
Central 87 87/8 87 87/4
Central A New 86
Imperial Old 1865 77 8
Imperial New 460 58/12 62/8 61/4
Exchange 21
India 198/4 98/8 98 98/8
U. Commercial 54/8

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 127/8 28/2 26/14 27/8
Andhra Valley 1432/8 35
Suburban 162/8
Hydro 152
Power 1536/4 40

INSURANCE

Empire 550
New India 61 60/8 61

STEEL

B. Steel 20/10 20/8 20/12
I. Iron 24 24/9
Tata Defd. 1500 7/8 1490 1508/12 1495 1502/8
Tat Ord. 288 88/8 86/8 89/8 88/8 90
Tata 1st Pref. 195
Tata IInd Pref. 139/4 39/8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 263/12 62/8 63/12
A.C.C. Old 147 46/8 47/8 47
A.C.C. New 143/8 43 43/4
Belapur 215 14/8 15 14 15 14/8
B.B. Old 270 71/14 71/4
B. B. Petrol 1/7 1/6 9
B.I.C. 8/13/6
Dharamshey 36
I. Copper 2/3 2/3/3
I. I. Trust 93
P. Const. 117 16 18 17/4
Tata Chem 12/4 12/3
Tat aPref. 125
Tata Oil 64/8 63/8 64
Wimco 185/10 86/4

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 18/10
Madhusudan B. Ord. 35

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 16th March 1949.

1. Demand Liabilities in India	Rs.
(i) Borrowings from banks	36,55,01,000
(ii) Other demand liabilities	597,84,06,000
2. Time Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	11,00,000
(ii) Other time liabilities	286,81,57,000
3. Cash in India	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	33,04,62,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,91,63,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	72,12,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	49,94,33,000
5. Advances in India	480,04,90,000
6. Bills discounted in India	17,84,02,000

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA LTD.

The following is the statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Central Bank of India, Ltd for the fortnight dated 15th March:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital Subscribed	5,76,66,000
Capital Paid-up Ordinary Shares	2,62,12,000
Capital Paid-up Ordinary 'A' Shares	82,42,000
	3 14,54,000
Reserve & Other Funds.	
Reserve Fund	3,16,28,000
Contingency Fund	50,00,000
Sinking Fund in respect of Lands and Buildings	37,79,000
	4,04,07,000
Deposits, Debts due to Bank and Agents, Bills Payable, etc	1,28,68,54,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustment	25,58,23,000
Total Rs.	1,61,45,38,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Cash Credit an Overdrafts on Government and other Authorised Securities	41,99,35,000
Loans on Government and other Authorised Securities	6,79,71,000
Bills Discounted	6,54,81,000
Lands & Buildings	98,92,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	22,50,27,000
Cash in hand, at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds, —Government Paper, Treasury Bills,—Shares. Debentures, etc	82,62,32,000
Total Rs.	1,61,45,38,000

N. Y. COTTON FUTURES SEE-SAW WITHIN NARROW GROOVE

NEW YORK, March 24, (UPA):—Cotton futures see-sawed within narrow groove which has become increasingly familiar over the past two weeks. Traders on both sides showed an utterly indifferent attitude pending Washington developments on ECA appropriations and farm price support legislation.

Even local and New Orleans professionals, unable to make much progress either way, decided to wait the situation out. With the Senate debate under way on the European Recovery Programme extension bill some technicians thought the waiting attitude might be nearing its end.

Meanwhile, cotton traders are kept in anxious waiting to see whether the Administration's request for dol. 5,580,000,000 will be sustained or sliced. Since an upwards of 3,500,000 bales of cotton are existing to be financed through ECA during the season commencing August 1 any substantial cut in the appropriations obviously would have telling effect among traders who are waxing toward the bull side in anticipation of large-scale exports in the next season. While Washington developments hold forefront attention some taders again called attention to the threat of floods in the Mississippi and the possibility of delay in new crop preparations.

Louisiana reports said that the level break of Thursday had flooded sands of acres of rich delta land and forced the evacuation of 200 persons from their homes. But other reports later said water is subsiding and the situation did not look too alarming.

Market opened one to four higher. Thereafter see-sawed within an extreme range of eight points tending upward at the close under local covering movement to finish net five to seven higher.

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, March 24

May	32.19+06
May Highest	32.19+06
May Lowest	32.11—02
July	31.12+05
October	28.24+07
December	28.00 +06
March	27.86+07
Middling Spot	33.52+06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, March 24

May	32.07+06
July	31.07+05
October	28.21+06
December	27.97+07
Middling Spot	32.50+05

RESTRICTED ACTIVITY IN TEXTILE MARKET

NEW YORK, March 24 (UPA): Textile trade noted buyer tie-up and continued restricted activity in practically all divisions on the New York Cotton Cloth Market today.

The decision of a leading cotton mill to guarantee prices for dress goods and stormer fabries on deliveries up to June 30 was regarded as steadying influence but buyers remained cautious pending further price test across the retail counter.

Converters indicated that slow-down in buying was extending to wide prints and other goods recently in good demand for spot and nearby delivery. Lower count print cloth constructions were available at concessions of 1/8 cent from recent basis but the key 80 square fabric held steady around 19 7/8 cents per yard for regular types and up to 20 cents for higher fabric.

Burlap was unchanged on spot goods and was slightly lower for shipment position. Wool trade was encouraged by news that a leading producer had opened fall worsted line at unchanged prices.

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, March 25.

S. S. FLYING CLIPPER

From Nagoya: 2175 crates tiles 250 crates earthenware glazed wall tiles 93 bales woollen yarn 50 cases electrical motors.

From Yokohama: 343 pkgs sanitary ware 75 cases motion picture raw film 165 cases silk and rayon yarn 60 cases Hokurker's bobby.

From Singapore: 835 bags sago-flour 200 bags damar battu.

From Hongkong: 138 cases torches 2,085 cases fire crakers 335 cases hurricane lanterns.

From Colombo: 50 cases dessicated cocoanuts 100 bags arecanuts.

From Kobe: 132 bales champion bond paper 186 bales wood free printing paper 600 cases rayon yarn 50 cases artificial silk yarn 200 cases belt 90 cases rayon looms 309 crates matchmaking machine parts 415 cases art silk yarn 2,245 cases rayon yarn 425 bales staple fibre yarn 100 cases spun rayon staple fibre yarn 600 bales spun rayon yarn 50 cases artificial silk yarn 162 cases ball bearings plumber blocks 100 cases looms 60 cases silk and rayon looms 480 bales cotton yarn 265 bales art silk staple fibre yarn 904 cases sheet glass 104 cases wire nettings 100 bales art silk staple yarn 48 cases bicycle parts 125 bales cotton piecegoods 200 crates tiles 125 cases ring spinning frame 125 cases block cotton tape 300 cases steel butt hinges 50 cases art silk yarn.

S. S. RIOUW

From New York: 2356 drums lubricating oil 84 cases bolts and nuts 125 drums mineral colza oil 79 ctns books 104 boxes aluminiaum sheets 100 drums diesel fuel oil 84 drums coaltar dyes 180 skids coketin plate.

From New Orleans:—94 skids coke electrolytic tin plate waste; 208 crates wood pulps; 150 drums diesel fuel oil; 3158 coils hob rolled black steel strapping rolled edge; 1690 drums lubricating oil; 400 drums diesel oil; 107 drums caustic soda; 1258 coils cotton balling hoops; 52 ctns powdered milk; 120 bags powdered glucoes; 32 drums crystals norps; 3466 bags soda ash.

From Houstan Texas:—10 drums caustic soda; 120 drums fuel oil; 124 drums diesel fuel oil; 450 drums white oil; 820 drums caustic soda; 1120 bags soda ash; 1016 commercial flour sulphar; 1016 bags soilsulphur; 150 drums high speed diesel fuel oil; 295 drums diesel oil; 652 drums lubricating oil.

From Galveston Texas:—4578 ingots electrolytic copper ingot parts; 8069 ingots amco sackwell brand.

From Charleston:—2078 bags shuttle blocks.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT.

S.S. NOOR JAHAN.

To Colombo:—50 bags fuel seed—Indo Overseas Export Co.

S. S. MINDORO.

To Antwerp:—285 bales cotton waste—Sapt Textile Prod. and Co. 100 bales yellow picking cotton—M. Motilal

To Geneo:—204 bales cotton waste Sapt Textile Prod. and Co. 2244 bales cotton waste—Eastern Traders Co.

To Rotterdam—22 bales cotton waste—Sapt Textile Prod. Ltd; 440 drums sodium bichromate—Pioneer Chromate Works Ltd.

S.S. JALKRISHNA

To Antwerp—50 bales cotton waste—E. T. Robertson and Son.

To Liverpool—183 drums linseed oil—Shree Hanuman Oil Mills.

To London—266 bags gum karaya—S. M. Rajgor and Co.

To Manchester—200 bales cotton waste—M. Narottamdas and Co.

S.S. CALEDONIA

To Liverkpool—100 bales cotton waste—The Export Textile Waste Co. 100 bales hemp—T. Dawoodbhai.

S.S. DWARKA

To Busrah—146 chest tea black—Rajnikant and Co.

To Kuwait—12 cases glass mirrors—J. A. Mandil. 50 bales cotton waste—E. Ali Kazi and Co.

S.S. EXPRESS

To New York—100 bales cotton waste—The Bombay Textile Waste.

S.S. MARTINCARL

To Karachi—16-75 bales cotton waste—The Bombay Textile Waste Co.

S.S. KALAJATI

To Karachi—800 bags myrabolams—K. Tricumjee.

BY AIR

To Karachi—30 bales art silk piecegoods—H. K. Noormohmed. 60 bales art silk piecegoods—Y. M. Dawood.

S.S. QUERIMBA

To Wellington—100 drums linseed—K. Devchand Co. Ltd.

Arrivals & Departures Of Steamers

BOMBAY, March 25.

ARRIVALS

DURANDA from London with general cargo of 3,891 tons on March 24.

ASTURIAS from Southamton on March 24.

JAY HIND from Cochi with general cargo of 1,000 tons on March 24.

DEPRATURES

CITY OF DURBAN for Karachi with general cargo of 4,139 tons on March 24.

LOENERKERK for Rotterdam with general cargo of 5,500 tons on March 24.

JALA GOPAL for Navlakhi with general cargo of 2,061 tons on March 25.

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES.

NEW YORK, March 24.

Black pepper futures closed inactive and unchanged to two hundred points higher. Potential buyers again bid March delivery up to the permissible two cent limit before its closing expiration.

A tight situation continued in the spot market for immediate supplies but dealers reported a hesitant buyer attitude toward shipment positions following reports of more liberal Indian offerings.

Spot Lampong was held at 94 cents per pound nominal and white pepper 1.12 cents. Grinder interest slackened to near halting point with some dealers reporting processors were reselling small lots to dealers in an apparent move to take profits.

March shipment of black pepper was quoted between 85 and 86 cents per pound and May between 82 and 83 cents ex dock basis.

Some dealers awaited further test of prices of larger offerings from the primary market are renewed.

Closing prices included:

March 85; May 82; July 76; September 73; October 60; December 51; January 48.

In the spot market, black pepper was quoted at 94 cents nom. and white at dol. 1.12 nom. Other seed prices included: Castorseeds, dol. 1.05 nom.; Cottonseeds, dol 60 nom.; Flaxseeds dol. 6.00 nom.; Linseed Oil 17.6 cents. Groundnuts 17.50—.75. Groundnut Oil, 11-1/2 cents

LONDON PEPPER PRICES.

LONDON, March 24.

The London pepper market turned active with Singapore quoting black pepper at 3/11-1/2 pence and white pepper at 5 with no buyers. Business was done in Malabar afloat at 460 with buyers offering 450.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES.

SINGAPORE, March 24.

White pepper gained four dollars per picul and was quoted today at SSdol. 266 whereas black pepper was quoted at SSdol. 214. The market turned firm while small speculative buying was reported.

INDIAN ARMED FORCES REGULAR COMMISSIONS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from unmarried Indian nationals and Gurkha subjects of Nepal to reach Federal Public Service Commission, Post Box No. 186. Council House, New Delhi, by 2nd April, 1949 for the combined examination for admission to the Military Wing of the Armed Forces Academy and the Initial Training Wing of the Royal Indian Air Force for the course commencing in January, 1950. Application forms and full particulars may be obtained from the Federal Public Service Commission or nearest Military Sub-area Headquarters or recruiting Office.

AGE LIMITS—

Civilian candidates must have been born (i) NOT earlier than 2nd January, 1929 and NOT later than 1st January, 1932 for the Army and (ii) NOT earlier than 2nd January 1929 and NOT later than 1st July, 1932 for the R.I.A.F.

Personnel serving in the Army who wish to compete for admission to the Military Wing must have been born NOT earlier than 2nd January, 1926 and NOT later than 1st January, 1932.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

Must have passed Matriculation or equivalent examination. Applications from those candidates who have appeared or intend to appear for the Matriculation or equivalent examination will be accepted provisionally and they will be required to furnish proof of having passed the examination before the date of commencement of F.P.S.C. examination.

SELECTION—

Candidates who qualify at the written examination of the F.P.S.C. will be required to appear before Services Selection Boards.

Applicants for admission to the 7th Course (Military Wing) whose results are NOT yet known are advised, if otherwise eligible, to submit their applications for appearing at this examination. If they are successful for 7th Course, their applications will be cancelled.

A.C. 540

TRADE & FINANCE:

Inter-Bank Call Money Rate 1 1/2 Per Cent With Tenders Scarce

SMALL SETBACK IN SECURITIES MARKET

(From Our Special Correspondent)
MONEY

Owing to continuous demand for funds to meet tax-payments superimposed on the seasonal demand for trade purposes currency stringent conditions ruled in the short-term money market during the week under review. For interbank call, there were borrowers upto 1-1/2 per cent, with lenders scarce. Two or three months money was quoted at 1-1/4 per cent. and six months at 1-3/4 per cent. per annum. It was reported that even the Big banks were inclined to restrict advances to maintain there liquidity. The Imperial Bank of India have raised their rate for day to day advances against Govt securities to 3 per cent per annum.

The weekly statements of the Reserve Bank of India, drawn upto 18th March 1949, are revoid of any interesting features. Notes in circulation are lower by Rs. 2.80 crore to Rs 1,177 crores. Whilst there is a corresponding decrease in the notes held in the Banking Department. The total note issue is about unchanged at Rs. 1149 crores. In the Banking Department, whilst Government balances are up by Rs. 1.11 crores, but both Bankers as well as Miscellaneous deposits show a decline of Rs. 1.66 crores and Rs. 88 lakhs respectively. "Balances held abroad" are down by Rs. 10.60 crores, whilst investments show an increase of Rs. 9.66 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 18th March 1949 reveals a reduction of Rs 4.54 crore in the Bank's Investment Portfolio, whilst Advances have increased sharply by Rs. 7.63 crores. There is a contraction of Rs. 3.06 crore in the cash holding of the Bank, which now stands at Rs. 38 crores.

GILT-EDGED

The gilt-edged market ruled dull with very little enquiry in evidence. Prices, in consequence, suffered a further small setback, 3 per cent 1966 conversion loan eased off to Rs. 96-4 during the week. 2-1/2 per cent, 1961 lastly was placed lower at Rs. 96-8 and 3½/4 per cent, 1975 loan at Rs. 97. 3 per cent, 1949-52 loan lost further ground to Rs. 100-6. While 3 per cent, 1967 Victory loan was quoted at Rs 101-1. Most of the long dated loans were comparatively steady, with some business passing in 3 per cent. 1966/68 loan at a slightly higher rate of Rs. 100-1.

EXCHANGE

The rupee-sterling exchange market witnessed moderate activity. For interbank business, cables of spot T.T. 8 on London quoted 1s. 3-31/32d. and buyers 1s. 4d. Merchant rates fixed by the exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:

Sellers of T. T. on London
spot 1s. 3-31, 32d.
Sellers of T. T. on London
upto six months 1s. 3-15/16d.
Buyers of T. T. on London spot
and upto nine months 1s. 4-1/32d.

GOLD

Owing to steady arrivals of smuggled parcels and in the absence of any substantial demand, there was a complete lacklustre in the gold section of the Bullion Market. From Rs. 112-6 at the opening the quotation for ready gold declined to Rs. 107-4 on Tuesday and fell precipitately to Rs. 103-10 the next day. At this level, there was brisk enquiry and the rate recovery to Rs. 106-4 on Thursday and to Rs. 108-10 at the close. The price of sovereigns likewise declined sharply from Rs. 73 at the opening to Rs. 69-8 at the close. Floating stocks of gold are estimated at 60,000 tolas. Arrivals are reported to have averaged about 5,000 tolas a day and the offtake at 3 to 4,000 tolas. The highest and lowest daily rates were Rs. 112-6 and Rs. 102-10.

SILVER

In contrast to gold, silver prices were fairly well maintained despite reports of selling by the Saurashtra and Dutch authorities. Spot silver .999 fine declined from Rs. 134-10 at the opening to Rs. 130-6 on Tuesday but recovered to Rs. 132-8 the next day following reports that banks were no longer prepared to open letters of credit for imports of silver nitrate and that the Bombay Mint was not undertaking the conversion of the nitrate into either as present. At the closed, the quotation stood at Rs. 131. On Thursday, it was reported that there were stray transactions in forward for May delivery according to the rules of the new Bullion Association at a discount of 7 to 8 rupees under the spot quotation. It was expected that forward trading will be resumed officially some time next week under the auspices of the new Association. Floting stocks in the market were put at 2,500 bars, whilst the offtake showed no improvement, being estimated at 30 bars a day. In the overseas markets, both the New York and the London silver prices remained unchanged at 71-1/2 cents and 43-1/2d. respectively throughout the week. The highest and lowest rates for spot silver were Rs. 134-10 and Rs. 130-6.

SHARES

The Stock Exchange presented an easy tone early at the opening of the week, but towards the close regained somewhat the lost ground with a steady undertone in all shares. Tata Textile declined heavily on unloading by bulls from Rs. 1667/8 to as low as Rs. 1490 on Thursday, but finished higher at Rs. 1502/8. Ordys, likewise went down from Rs. 295/8 to Rs. 285/4 and closed at Rs. 290.

Cottonmill shares maintained a steady tone throughout Bombay Dyeings after declining from Rs. 902/8 to Rs. 860 reacted and closed at Rs. 965/-12. Central Indias moved between Rs. 247 and Rs. 242, Kohinoors between Rs. 308 and Rs. 294 and Swadeshi between Rs. 306 and Rs. 290, but finished at Rs. 245, Rs. 295/8 and Rs. 295 respectively. Hydro Electric shares were marked up, with Andhra Valley advancing to Rs. 1435 and Tata Powers to Rs. 1540. Bank shares were almost unchanged Central banks closing at Rs. Rs. 67/4, Bank of India at Rs. 198/8 and Imperial Bank (F.P.) at Rs. 1877/8. In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements were quoted around Rs. 147 and Sclapura around Rs. 216/8. Scindia steams were a shade better, improving from Rs. 16/2 to Rs. 16 11/6 at the close.

CALCUTTA JUTES

The jute section in the Calcutta market remained steady throughout the week under a quiet undertone.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, March 25 (API): Steady conditions prevailed on the local market today with textiles remaining unchanged.

In plantings rubber shares were lower with better turnover.

Bank shares were unchanged.

In the miscellaneous section Pats were lower at Rs. 4-4 and also Mettur Chemicals at Rs. 6-10. The market closed steady. Following are the closing quotations:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Government of India 3 per cent Paper 98-3, 3 per cent Government of India 1966 98-4, 3 per cent 1953-55 101-8, 3 per cent Government of Madras 1960 100.

BANKS: Travancore 16-10.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 17, Travancore 7-8, Plantings Blue Mountain 2-6-6, Chembra 4-12, Devashola 17-8, Midland 4-2, Nellampathy 1-5, Ouchterlony 5-0, Periakaramalai 21-12, Pullangode -/13-, Thirumbadi 1-12-6, T.R. and T. Co. 5-0, Waterfall 2-10.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 155, Ditto Pref 193, Cambodia 9-13, Coimbatode C.M. 117, Lakshmi 64, Madura 43-8, Mettur 205, Radhakrishna 144, Rajalakshmi 55, Ranga Vilas 45, Trav Rayons 3-10-6, Trichinopoly 11-2.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64, FACT 4-4, India Cement 17-8, Mettur Chem 6-10.

Enforcement Of New Primary Education Act

The Bombay Primary Education Act, 1947, will be brought into force from April 1, 1949. A notification to that effect and the rules framed under the Act, called the Bombay Primary Education Rules, 1949, have been published in Part IV-B of the Bombay Government Gazette of March 24. The Act will also be applied to the partially excluded areas in the Province.

The Government has directed that the Advisory Committee appointed to advise the Government on matters pertaining to Primary education should begin to function with effect from Feoruary 28 instead of April 1, 1949, the date on which the Bombay Primary Education Act, 1923, will cease to be in force. The Government has also directed that until a new Provincial Board of Primary Education is constituted in accordance with the 1947 Act, the Advisory Committee should have the same powers, privileges and status the Board has.

INCREASE IN IMPORTED PAPER PRICES

NEW DELHI, March 25 (API): The Government of India have decided to increase with effect from April 1, 1949, the additional charge allowed in respect of sales of imported paper at places other than port towns from six pies per pound to nine pies per pound, a Press Note issued by the Ministry of Industry and Supply said today.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MAY
NEW YORK, March 25.

Previous closing	32.19
Today's opening	32.18
Difference	—1
Today's closing	32.16
Difference	—3

LAST QUOTATIONS
BOMBAY, March 25.

	Rs. as.
Silver forward Vaishakh Shudi 15	174 8
Silver Bullion	180 8
Silver Mint	181 0
Gold ready	110 0
Sovereign	72 8

Expectation:
Cotton Jarila May Rs. 623-8.

NEW YORK STOCKS
NEW YORK, March 25

Opening Prices:—
Anaconda Copper Mining 31-1/4.
General Motors 59-1/4.
United tates steel common 72-7/8.
Pref unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Quietly Irregular Trend

LONDON, March 25, (PTI-Reuter): Speculative interest in Brazilian rails and utilities was aroused today by a report that Leopoldina Company will receive ten millians Sterlings compensation on take-over by the Brazil Government. Buyers rushed in as market opened and gains of several points were recorded by most issues. Second thoughts, however, resulted in sales which finally left prices only fractionally above the previous closing levels.

Firmness in tobaccos was one of the few bright features of industrials. Building and electrical equipments were easier and there was fresh selling in cement shares on fears this industry is on Government's list for nationalisation.

Support in Gilt-edged market was small and concentrated in savings bonds which were fractionally higher on the day.

Oil shares prices continued to slide. Small selling on unwilling market depressed all leading issues although final prices were occasionally above the lowest.

Kaffirs were again very firm. Free State issues were demanded on rumours of good developments in this area.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)
KARACHI, March 25.

Cotton Rollerginned Sind Nt 93, Punjab 289-F 96, Lsa 87, Fouri 84. Steady but quet. Pakistan Cotton Associations memorandum to Government to declare unlifted Indian quota as quote lapsed unquote after 31 March is having ensuing effect upon market.

Spot turnover 1300 bales, Arrivals 5088, Exports 1078 of which 1760, for Bombay.

Cottonseeds Nt ready 8/4, April 8-8/8. Easy owing large accumulated stocks estimated about three lakhs bags. Exports 2725 bags, for Cutch.

Gold 100/8, Sovereign 68, Silver 126. Weak owing tightness money market and bearish sentiment causing discharging of hoarded stocks.

STOCK EXCHANGE: Habib Bank 182, Habib Insurance 67, Karachi Electric 133, Three per cent 1860 Government loan 101/4.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)
HAPUR, March 25.

Wheat 25 to 27, Gram 13/2, Barley 15/12, Maize 15/4, Bajra 15/8, Peas 12/4, Jeth 11/8, Urd 16, Moong 19, Arhar 12, Jeth 12, Sarason 25, Jeth 26/8, Gur 13/2 Baisakh 13/4, Fagun 11/12/2, Tarassed 20, Oil 70, Oilcake 9, Groundnut 17, Cottonseed 16.

Bardana Chet 108, April 133, Asoj 109, September 121.

Silver forward 167, Gold 108/12.

Calicut Market

(From Our Correspondent.)
CALICUT, March 25.

Couryarn Beypore 135/145, Quilandy 140/155, Fibre Garbled 90, Ungarbled 80, Cocoanuts: Raw 156/165, Dry 175/190, Cocoanuts 095, Copra Ofnce 395, Dilpasand 405, Madrasnorthern 435, Pepper Wynaad 1725, Country 1700, Dryginger Chernad 800, Ernad 760, Coffee Robusta 150, Timber Pali 50/55, Junglewood 32/35, Vellapine 65/77/8, Bentenax 50-55, Teak 90/125, Mango 2/3/6, Teak 17/8/22/8, Rosewood 17/10.

GROUNDNUT PRODUCTION IN INDIA

45 Per Cent Of Total World Acreage Under Cultivation

Groundnut, which is the most important edible oilseed in India as well as the most important single item of agricultural commodity for export from the country, is the subject of a special article in the January issue of the "Agricultural situation in India", just published.

As the principal groundnut exporting country of the world, India has about 45 per cent of the total world acreage under cultivation of this oilseed. The partition has had no effect on its cultivation, as the whole of the groundnut producing area of the undivided India falls within the territories of the Indian Union.

YIELD PER ACRE

In India the yield per acre of groundnuts averages about 800 lbs. on the basis of the present indications the crop in 1948-49 is expected to be about 2,494,000 tons. Apart from export, groundnut is used as an edible seed as well as in Vanaspati. It has been estimated that nearly 10 per cent of the total production is required for seed purposes and about 50 per cent is used for edible purposes.

The Vanaspati and soap industries in this country, which largely depend on this oilseed, consume, accordingly to present estimates, 21 per cent and 7 per cent respectively of the total production.

While world prices of groundnuts have risen by about 180% since 1939, our exports of this commodity have declined from 834,000 tons to 196,000 tons.

PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION

The per capita consumption of oils and fats in India is much lower than that required by nutritional standards. It has been estimated that the per capita consumption is 8 lbs. per annum as against a minimum requirement of 45 lbs. effective steps are, therefore, essential to increase the production of groundnuts—notwithstanding a declining tendency in exports—by securing higher yield per acre with the help of fertilisers and improved seeds.

19,347, Tons Of Food Exported In 1947-48

The United States made a greater contribution to world food needs than any other country. U.S. food exports totalled 19,347,000 long tons in the 1947-48 fiscal year, compared with the 1935-39 average of 6,223,000 long tons.

The "real income," or purchasing power, of U.S. farmers, in spite of high prices and income taxes, is about 70 percent higher than in 1940.

Two out of three U.S. farms have electricity. This is about three times the number of electrified farms a decade ago.

About 27,500,000 people live on farms. This is about a tenth fewer than in 1940, but with the aid of machines and agricultural science, they produce a greater volume of food.

The United States has about 5,990,000 farms. Almost three-fourths of them are owned either in full or in part by the farmers who operate them. The long-term trend is toward a larger, "family-sized" farm that can be operated most efficiently with machinery.—USIS.

World Cotton Advisory Body To Meet Next Month

WASHINGTON, March 24 (UFA): The International Cotton Advisor Committee announced today that it will meet April 25 at Brussels for the eighth plenary session to examine the economic position of cotton in the world.

In addition to India and Pakistan, the participating countries will include the United Kingdom, Argentina, Brazil, China, Egypt, Turkey, the United States, Venezuela, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

E. Punjab Ban On Cotton Export Removed

As a sequel to the cancellation, with effect from March 16, 1949, of the East Punjab Cotton Movement Control Order, 1949, the ban on export of all varieties of cotton from East Punjab has been removed. There is, therefore, no longer any restriction on such exports.

As regards the restrictions imposed on the sale of cotton in Ferozepore District, only those varieties, which are usually consumed in the mills (i.e. L.S.P. and 4 F.P.) remain under the restrictive provisions of the control order.

An exemption from the ban on exports in respect of certain articles of cloth and yarn, including durries and 'shatranjis', has been made, according to a notification of the Government of East Punjab. The exempted articles can be exported freely from the province.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent.)
RAJKOT, March 25.

Rajkot Silver New Vayda 174/4/0, Rajkot Sugar Chaitra 91/3/0, Rajkot Aranda May 140/12/0, Jamnagar Silver New Vayda 174/5/0, Jamnagar Aranda May 140/12/0 Wadhwan Cotton Jeth 26/12/0, Wadhwan Sugar Vaishakh 16/1/0.

FISHPLATES REMOVED IN TWO PLACES ON S.I.R.

MADRAS, March 25 (API): According to information received here, fishplates were found removed yesterday in two places between Manamadurai and Partipanpur stations in the Manamadurai-Dhanushkodi section of the South Indian Railway.

The removal was detected in good time and the tract was set right.

Calcutta Stock Exchange Displays Steady Tone

CALCUTTA, March 25 (API): The market continued its steadier notes round the more speculative stocks and prices in all instances were higher. Following are today's final transactions upto 1-45 p.m.:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: 3 per cent Loan 1986 98/4, 3 per cent Loan 1959 61 100/10 s lot, 3 per cent Loan 1966 68 100/2, 3 per cent Loan 1970/75 99/14 sl., 3 per cent Loan 1975 99/10 sl., 4 per cent Loan 1960/70 110/5.

BANKS: Bengal Central Bank 8-15, Bharat Bank 4-2, Hindustan Mercantile Bank 20-4 s lot.

COTTONS: Elgin Mills 17-4, Mahalakshmi 2-6, Shree Radhyshyam 6-14.

COALS; Burrakur 12-12, Churulia 5, East Indian 28-8, Satpukuria and Asansol 1-5, South Karanpura 25-10, West Laikdih 3-2.

JUTES: Agarpara 22-10.

MINGINGS: Indian Copper 2-3, Tavoy Tin annas 12.

MISCELLANEOUS: Reliance Firebricks 17-8, C. T. Sone Valley Cement 6-6, Calcutta Electric 18-8, Bhartia Electric Steel 17-4, National Iron 5-6, Indian Iron 24-6, Jessop & Co. 16-12, Textile Machinery 7-5, Steel Corp. 20-10, EIC 8-4, Ex-div Ivan Jones 5-3, British Burma Petrol 1-7, Shree Gopal Paper 10-8, Midnapore Zemindary 69, Assam Saws 7-4, India Steamship 7-14, Indian General Navigation 96.

SUGARS: Darbhanga 10-4 Purtabpore 14, Murree Brewery 9-12.

TEAS: Jutlibadi 20-14, Moheema 7-2, Rajgarh 30-8, Rungamatee 82.

SOUTH AFRICAN WOOL PRICE

PORT ELIZABETH, March 24 (PTI Reuter).—A new record was established on the South African wool market when on November 25, 1948, wool was sold at 94 pence per pound, the highest price for this season, Mr. J. L. Mehardy, the managing director of South African wool disposals organisation disclosed today.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

India Assured 10 Lakh Tons Of Wheat Supply Per Year

NEW DELHI, March 25. (A.P.I.): India is now assured of a supply of 10 lakh tons of wheat a year at rates, the maximum and minimum of which have been fixed, thus helping to reduce the expenditure on imports to a great extent.

Disclosing this, a spokesman of the Central Food Ministry, who was explaining the implications of the international wheat agreement signed in Washington, said to-day.

"This agreement about wheat enables India to concentrate more on increased production of rice during the present and the coming years.

"Under this agreement, India will have to pay in common with other importing countries, a maximum price which works out to Rs. 10/6 a maund and a minimum price of Rs. 7/3 a maund landed in India, as against the present landed price of Rs. 15 a maund. An importing country is not obliged to purchase the agreed quantity except at the minimum price."

AGREEMENT NOT CONTRARY TO INDIA'S POLICY.

He said that the agreement was not contrary to India's new policy of food production which envisaged self-sufficiency at the end of 1951. India would need to import substantial quantities of wheat for the period 1949-50, as large wheat producing areas had been lost to Pakistan.

During the fourth and last year of the agreement, the imported wheat, if it was to be purchased in case the minimum price remained operative, would be utilised for building up a central reserve to influence prices. That was recommended both by the Foodgrains Policy Committee of 1943 and the Purshottamdas Committee which examined the question again in 1947.

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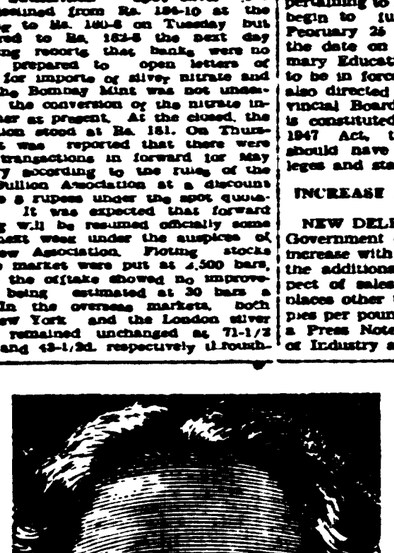

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Plans To Modernise Bombay Port

6-CRORE SCHEME UNDER CONSIDERATION

Overhaul Of Princess And Victoria Docks

N. G. AYYANGAR'S REPLY IN PARLIAMENT: PENICILLIN FACTORY TO BE LOCATED NEAR CITY

NEW DELHI, MARCH 25. (A.P.I.): THE TRANSPORT MINISTER, MR. GOPALASWAMY AYYANGAR, SAID IN PARLIAMENT IN REPLY TO MR. R. K. SIDHWA THAT A SCHEME FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS AND VICTORIA DOCKS, DAMAGED DURING THE EXPLOSION IN APRIL, 1944, AND FOR THE MODERNISATION OF BOMBAY PORT, WAS UNDER THE CONSIDERATION OF BOMBAY PORT TRUSTEES.

THE SCHEME WAS ESTIMATED TO COST SIX AND THREE FOURTHS CRORES.

DEMURRAGE RECOVERED

The amounts of demurrage recovered by the Bombay Port Trust were Rs. 24 lakhs in 1944-45, Rs. 29.96 lakhs in 1945-46, Rs. 45.44 lakhs in 1946-47 and Rs. 107.26 lakhs in 1947-48.

Customs and import licence formalities had been simplified as far as possible. The Port Trust had also been asked to adopt a liberal policy of remission of such dues insofar as the detention of the import cargo appeared to be due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer.

Claims based on compassionate grounds were also duly considered by the Trustees.

AGREEMENT FOR RADIO FACTORY

The Government of India had decided to enter into agreements with three firms for preparing a project report on the establishment in India of a factory for the manufacture of radio, wireless and radar equipment, etc., excluding domestic radio receivers, said Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister of Industry and Supply, in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa. The three firms were Messrs. Campagne General de Telegraphie Sans Fil, Paris, Radio Corporation of America and Marconi Wireless Telegrahph Company, U. K. The factory was expected to be self-sufficient. The output of the factory was expected to be worth about Rs. two crores.

SHARES IN PENICILLIN FACTORY

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industries, said that the State-owned factory for manufacturing penicillin, anti-malaria and sulpha drugs was proposed to be located near Bombay. Dr. Mookerjee, told a questioner Government of India would contribute 51 per cent of the share of the factory while the remaining would be held by the Government of Bombay.

ATTEMPT TO GROW JUTE IN MADRAS

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Agriculture, outlined the following programme for growing jute in Madras Province on an experimental basis in 1949:—

Vizagapatam district 8,000 acres, Tanjore, Malabar and South Kanara districts 1,000 acres each, Travancore 2,000 acres.

The Minister, who was replying to a question by Mr. V. C. Kesava Rao, added that in Travancore, it might be possible to grow jute of the State covering about 50,000 acres, where at present only one crop was grown.

Mr. Jairamdas said: "During last year we were able to increase jute production in India from 17 lakh bales to 20 lakh bales, and we propose to increase it by probably another four lakh bales in the next year".

The jute mills in India needed 70 lakh bales of jute every year, the Minister added.

COTTON TEXTILE STORES

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, said in Parliament today in reply to Mr. V. C. Kesava Rao, that steps had been taken to stimulate the manufacture of cotton textile stores in India. The annual estimated amount being spent on the import of textile stores was Rs. 6 crores.

INDIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO F.A.O.

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Food and Agriculture, stated in Parliament today that the Government of India had made a representation to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (F.A.O) for a reduction in her contribution.

India's contribution to F.A.O. stood fifth in the list and she had paid her contribution of 212,500 dollars for 1947-48, on the basis of Undivided India on the distinct understanding that Pakistan would reimburse its share to India. The original contribution of Undivided India was raised in 1946-47 to 4.67 per cent but a strong protest was lodged, as a result of which it was reduced to 4.25 per cent.

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram informed Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari that no Indian was employed in the F.A.O. on the administrative or technical side.

WHEAT PRICES RATIONED AND NON-RATIONED

Wheat was sold at Rs. 28 a maund in Patna and rationed wheat at Rs. 13 in Poona and Bombay in October and November, 1948. Rice was sold at Rs. 45 a maund at Ajmer and Rs. 11 in Madras and Beswada during the same period.

This information was given by Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Food Minister, in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa.

EX-BURMA GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RE-ENGAGED

Mr. Khurshed Lal, Minister of State, for Communications, said in reply to Seth Govind Das that in accordance with general instructions issued by the Home Ministry, 66 Indian employees released by the Government of Burma had so far been employed in offices under the Ministry of Communications.

AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN FIRMS

The Minister for Industry and Supply, Dr. Mookerjee told Mr. Sidhwa that Government decided to enter into agreements with three firms. One American, one British, and one French firm, for preparing a project report on the establishment in India of a factory for the manufacture of Radio, wireless and radar equipment, etc., excluding domestic Radio receivers. The project would deal with the facilities which were necessary for the proper location of the factory, capital cost involved, raw materials required, cost of production, etc., Khurshed Lal, Deputy Minister for Communications, informed Mr Govind Das that in accordance with the instructions issued by the Home Ministry, arrangements had been made for employing in the offices under the control of the Ministry of communications certain categories of Indian staff released by the Burma Government. Sixty six persons had so far been employed, he added.

Dr. Mookerjee told Mr. Mono Mohandas that a team of experts was deputed by the India Government to Europe, U.S.A. and Canada towards the middle of 1948 to explore the possibility of manufacture in India of penicillin, and anti-malarials. On an examination of their report it had been decided to establish a state concern for the manufacture of these drugs at a cost of Rs. 2 crores. This plant would have an annual productive capacity of 1200 billion units of penicillin and 1,00,000 lbs of synthetic anti-malarial drug. An agreement, he said, had already been signed with a Swedish firm for the establishment of a factory for the production of penicillin. The factory was expected to be located near Bombay and was likely to come into production in three years time.

Negotiations were under way with a British firm, added Dr. Mookerjee, for use of their patent rights for the manufacture of a suitable synthetic anti-malarial drug.

An expenditure of about Rs. 50 thousand was expected to be incurred upto the end of the current financial year for these purposes, he said.

He said that the question of manufacturing streptomycin would be considered after the State factory for manufacture of penicillin sulpha drugs and anti-malarial drugs had come into existence.

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS

64. The Soap-Box Seller

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PERIOD OF PROTECTION TO SUGAR INDUSTRY REDUCED

Parliament Passes Protective Duties Bill With Saksena's Amendment

NEW DELHI, March 25. (A.P.I.): Parliament today accepted Prof. Shibbanlal Saksena's amendment reducing the period of protection to the Sugar Industry from two years to one year, i.e., till March 31, 1950.

The House passed the Protective Duties (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill with Prof. Saksena's amendments.

When the House met today, debate on the Bill to extend protection to certain industries was resumed.

Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhry said that if they wanted to extend it to two years instead of one year, within two years, the Government might be able to make a comprehensiv enquiry into the whole question of future protection for the industry.

NEOGY'S REPLY

Replying to the debate, the Commerce Minister Mr. K. C. Neogy explained that having regard to the prevailing uncertainty of economic conditions in India as also in other countries, the Tariff Board had recommended that it would not be right to define any definite protective policy extending over more than one or two years. The Board had suggested that the existing protection be continued for a period of two years. The provincial Governments and other authorities who had tendered evidence to the Tariff Board had all said that it would not be possible for them to furnish the requisite data for a comprehensive enquiry just now.

Mr. Neogy recalled that in 1931, when the Tariff Board had initially recommended protection to the Sugar Industry for 15 years, they had also indicated that this period might not be sufficient. In 1947, the Tariff Board had said that protection should be continued until the cost of production in India had been substantially reduced and that there should be a detailed enquiry into this at the beginning of 1950.

Referring to the demand that the Sugar Syndicate should be abolished, Mr. Neogy pointed out that it had been created by the provinces of U.P. and Bihar. He would, however, forward the sentiments expressed in the House to these two Governments.

During clause by clause consideration of the Bill, Prof. Shibbanlal Saksena moved an amendment seeking to reduce the period of protection to the Sugar Industry from two years to one year.

Mr. Neogy accepted the amendment on behalf of Government, but cautioned the House and Prof. Saksena that within one year it would not be physically possible to do all that was intended to be done.

The Bill as amended was passed.

DEVELOPMENT OF TEA INDUSTRY UNDER CENTRAL CONTROL

A Bill, providing for the development of the Tea Industry under Central Control and for the establishment of a Central Tea Board in the place of the Tea Marketing Board was also passed by the House today. The Bill on which the Select Committee's unanimous report had modified only the composition of the Board received all round support of the House. It, however, occasioned a 90-minute debate on the merits and demerits of tea drinking, the protagonists and opponents holding sharply divided opinions.

THREE YEARS' JAIL FOR BREACH OF FOOD LAWS?

The Parliament took up consideration of a Bill moved by the Agriculture Minister further to amend the Essential Supplies Act 1946 replacing the Ordinance which was issued six months ago reimposing food control.

The Bill provided a penalty of imprisonment upto three years "practically obligatory" for any breach of food laws.

SEPARATION OF JUDICIARY FROM EXECUTIVE IN U. P.

LUCKNOW, March 25, (API): Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Premier of the United Provinces announced in the Provincial Assembly today that the Judiciary was being completely separated from the executive in the Province.

To begin with, the reform would be introduced in ten districts of the Province, he said.

The District Magistrates in these districts would have no judicial functions and they would be responsible mainly for administrative and development work.

The Premier who was speaking on a motion in the Assembly for grant of Rs. 104 lakhs under the head "administration of justice" said that the amalgamation of the Chief Court of Oudh and the Allahabad High Court and the constitution of a single high court in the province was an important landmark in the judicial history of the province. The grant was passed.

INCOME-TAX RELIEF FOR HINDU UNDIVIDED FAMILY

Select Committee Report On Finance Bill: Increase In Postal Rates Approved

NEW DELHI, March 25. (A.P.I.): The Select Committee on the Finance Bill has recommended the raising of the exemption limit for the levy of Income-Tax from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 3,500 in the case of every Hindu undivided family.

The Committee has approved the increase in Postal Rates but considers that where a sender desires his letter to be sent by air mail and not by the usual method of transport convenient to Government, an additional air mail fee of half anna per tola should be levied.

The Select Committee's report was submitted to Parliament this afternoon.

REPORT SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT.

The Select Committee's report on the Finance Bill was presented to Parliament by the Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, this afternoon.

The Committee, while approving the proposal to raise postal rates recommends an additional air mail fee of half an anna per tola where a sender desires his letter to be sent by air mail, and not by the usual method of transport convenient to Government.

No export duty is at present levied on Bimlipatam jute and Mesta fibre. This involves a certain amount of loss to revenue. The Committee feels that there is not justification for exempting these fibres and the manufacturers of these fibres from export duty.

In view of the reduction in the rates of Super-Tax on income above Rs. 1,50,000, the Committee considers that some further relief should be given to assessees in the lower income groups. It recommends raising of the exemption limit for the levy of income-tax from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 3,500 in the case of every Hindu undivided family.

MINUTES OF DISSENT.

Eighteen out of the 24 members of the Select Committee have signed the report subject to their own minutes of dissent on various points.

The increase in the postal rates has been opposed by Pt. Hridayanath Kunzru. Mr. Biswanath Das has suggested that more taxation should be possible on the upper limits without taxing certain necessaries of the common man such as the postal rate. Mr. Das has raised objection to the excise duty on medium and coarse cloth, and suggested that the minimum taxable income for a Hindu undivided family should be Rs. 6,000 instead of Rs. 3,500 proposed by the Select Committee, Mr. Das is also against the abolition of the Capital Gains Tax.

AGAINST ABOLITION OF C. G. TAX

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Mr. Khandubhai Desai, Prof. N. G. Ranga, Mohanlal Gautam, Mr. Ramnath Goenka, Mr. Kalavenkata Rao, Mr. H. V. Kamath, Mr. Krishnamurthy Rao and Mr. Hanumanthia have expressed themselves against the abolition of Capital Gains Tax. Any encouragement to investors should be more direct in nature like rebates on Income-Tax on profits of new ventures for a period of years.

Mr. Hanumanthiah, Mr. Khandubhai Desai, Mr. Goenka, Mr. Gautam, Mr. Krishnamurthy Rao, Mr. Kamath and Mr. Kalavenkatarao have expressed dissent with the changes proposed in the Super-tax on earned and unearned incomes and urged that the Status Quo must be maintained in respect of Super-Tax. They have pointed out that the proposed change is likely to benefit less than 500 people and hence there is no justification for it.

TAXABLE LIMIT.

Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta, Mr. Gautam, Pandit Kunzru, Mr. H. V. Kamath, Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt, Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, Mr. Nairuddin Ahmed, Mr. Sondhi and Mr. Himmatsinghka have urged that the minimum taxable limit for Hindu undivided families should be raised to twice to minimum taxable limit for individuals.

Sir H. P. Mody has pointed out that a simpler form of levy than the levy of an excise duty on cloth could have been possibly devised. Sir Homi has also expressed the fear that the export duty on cloth might affect export trade determentally. The relief granted for aviation spirit was very meagre, he said.

Mr. Kamath has stated that the increase in postal rate is not warranted. He also does not agree to reduction in Super-Tax.

Indian Parliamentary Group Formed

NEW DELHI, March 25 (API): Members of the Indian Parliament today set up an Indian Parliamentary Group with the Speaker, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar as President.

Forming part of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, this Group, according to the constitution adopted today, will seek to promote personal contacts between members of all Parliaments and unite them in the securing and maintenance of full participation of their respective countries in the firm establishment and development of democratic institutions.

Besides, the Group will study and seek solution for all questions of an international character suitable for settlement by Parliamentary action. It will also make suggestions for the development of Parliamentary institutions keeping in view their improvement in working and prestige.

'DAILY MIRROR' FINED AND EDITOR JAILED

London High Court Decision In Contempt Case

LONDON, MARCH 25 (PTI-REUTER): THE HIGH COURT TODAY FINED THE PROPRIETORS OF THE "DAILY MIRROR" £10,000 FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT, AND ORDERED THE EDITOR, MR. SILVESTER BOLAM, TO BE DETAINED IN BRIXTON PRISON FOR THREE MONTHS.

The contempt consisted of an article published in the "Daily Mirror" held to prejudice the trial of John George Haig, 39-year-old company director, charged with the murder of Mrs. Olive Durand-Decon, rich, elderly widow, who disappeared from her London hotel.

Lord Chief Justice Goddard said: "There never has been a case approaching such gravity as this. It is of a scandalous and wicked character".

At an earlier hearing the judge said that "Daily Mirror" had alleged that Haig was guilty of "murder after murder".

"With a man held on one murder, the most horrifying details are given of other murders which are said to have been committed", he declared.

Sir Valentine Holmes, appearing for the editor and proprietors, said he desired to repeat on behalf of the proprietors what he had said previously for Mr. Bolam.

At the last hearing Sir Valentine expressed the editor's "sincere and unqualified regret" for "his gave error".

After the hearing editor Bolam rose from his seat and was taken into custody.

NOT AN ERROR OF JUDGMENT

Lord Goddard said the "Daily Mirror's" article violated every principle of justice and fair play.

It was not an error of judgment, he said, but a "matter of policy pandering to sensationalism for the purpose of increasing circulation".

Lord Goddard said, in his judgment, that Haig had been brought before the examining justices at Horsham and the case against him had not yet been opened.

'No more was known than that he was charged with murder. On March 4, three editions of "The Daily Mirror" contained articles and photographs and headings in the largest possible type, of a character which this court can only describe as a disgrace to English journalism, as violating every principle of justice and fair play, which it has generally been the pride of this country to extend to the worst of criminals", he said.

Anybody who had read these articles, Lord Goddard said, must be left wondering how it could be possible for that man to obtain a fair trial after what had been published in this paper.

The judge ordered the proprietors to pay the fine and costs by noon on Monday, on pain of expropriation of property to the value of the penalty.

FUTURE OF TRAVANCORE

Plea For Plebiscite To Ascertain Public Mind

TRIVANDRUM, March 24. (A.P.I.): A meeting of Travancore citizens, organised by retired officials of the State on Wednesday evening, requested the States Ministry of the Government of India to take steps, "either by a plebiscite or by a vote of a specially elected legislature before any decision is taken affecting the future of Travancore", to ascertain the wishes of the people on the integration of Travancore and Cochin into one unit.

Mr. K. Sankara Subbayyar, retired High Court Judge, who presided over the meeting, said Travancore had invested large sums of money in various industrial undertakings in the State in the hope of its people deriving the benefit themselves.

"If Cochin and Travancore were to be tied up, the people of Cochin would get a free gift of the benefits of investments made by Travancoreans, without themselves making any commitments of any kind".

ENQUIRY INTO FUTURE OF MANIPUR STATE

Centre To Take Over Its Administration?

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 25.

The Government of India have deputed one of its own senior officers to proceed at once to Manipur State (Assam border) in order to study and report on the conditions prevailing in that State, 'vis a vis' Communist activities. Loobies will not be surprised if that State were taken over by the Centre at an early date. The future of Matsya Union has been discussed here between the Adviser to the State Ministry, Mr. V. P. Menon, and rulers of Alwar, Bharatpur, Karauli and Dholpur.

Sardar Patel will inaugurate the Greater Rajasthan Union on 30th March. Hyderabad's Military Governor Chawdhury and Civil Administrator, Prime Ministers of Travancore and Cochin are expected here on April 2 to discuss the proposal for integration of two States.

NEW U.S. DEPARTMENT FOR OCCUPIED AREAS

WASHINGTON, March 25, (PTI-Reuter): A New United States Department to manage occupied areas, territories, and the Marshall Plan was proposed to-day by the Hoover Commission on Government reorganisation in a report to Congress.

The Commission, headed by ex-President Herbert Hoover, said such an independent agency held the "greatest possibilities" of ending confusion and "serious friction" among the several departments now sharing the job.

Observers, commenting on the report, said it was known the United States was anxious to be relieved of civil control in Germany, Austria, Japan and Korea, yet the State Department did not want to take it over.

CHURCHILL IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON March 25, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Winston Churchill talked over old time with America's foremost officials at a reception & dinner given in his honour here last night.

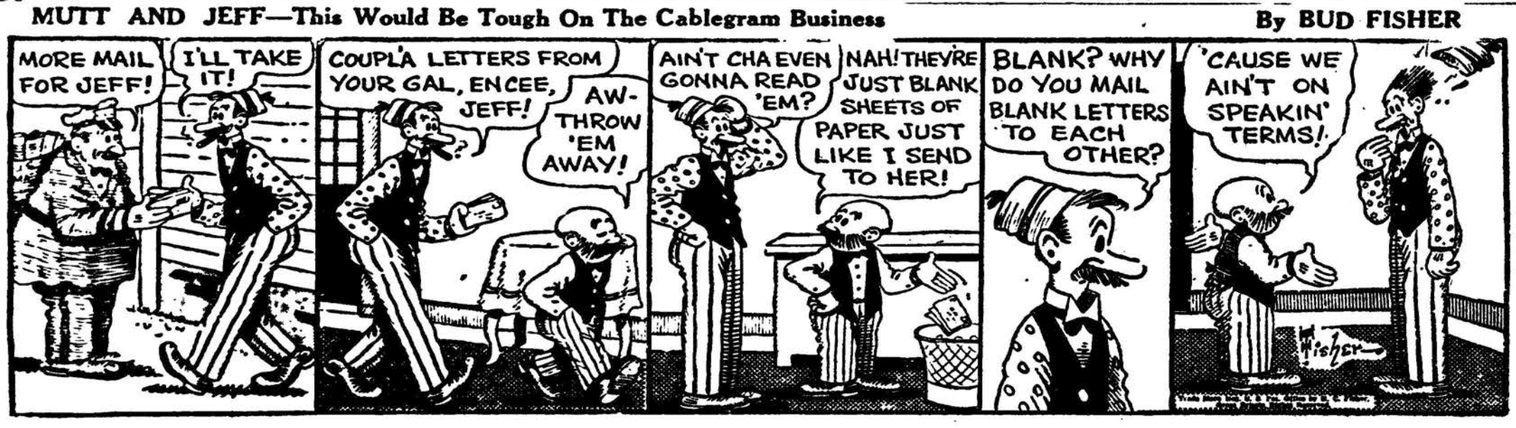
The reception was held at the British Embassy were the wartime Prime Minister met Ambassadors of the British Commonwealth British military mission chiefs members of the United States Cabinet and leaders of the Armed services.

Prominent Congressional leaders also attended.

It was Mr. Churchill visit first to Washington for three years.

After the reception the Churchill party were guests of President and Mrs. Truman at a small dinner.

MUTT AND JEFF—This Would Be Tough On The Cablegram Business — By BUD FISHER


MORE MAIL FOR JEFF!
I'LL TAKE IT!
COUPLA LETTERS FROM YOUR GAL, ENCEE, JEFF!
AW-THROW 'EM AWAY!
AIN'T CHA EVEN GONNA READ 'EM?
NAH! THEY'RE JUST BLANK SHEETS OF PAPER JUST LIKE I SEND TO HER!
BLANK? WHY DO YOU MAIL BLANK LETTERS TO EACH OTHER?
'CAUSE WE AIN'T ON SPEAKIN' TERMS!
Fisher

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